

## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Anglo-Japanese Trade Pact

FIRST impressions of the new Anglo-Japanese trade agreement signed in London on Friday appear to be quite favourable in so far as Hongkong trade is concerned and it could do much to help the Colony out of its present slump. The general feeling prevalent in Hongkong business circles is that the new agreement will make for healthy competition. As a result of it there are new opportunities to improve business as well as labour conditions. Many local firms, for instance, want to import medical and chemical preparations from Japan for finishing in the Colony. Exchange restrictions in the past have prevented this and now that these barriers have been removed, this is just one section of local industry which should receive almost immediate benefit. If business in entrepot trade improves—as it appears likely under the new agreement—it will undoubtedly benefit local purchasing power. As far as Hongkong's export trade is concerned, local manufacturers of textiles will face a period of increasing competition particularly from the West African markets prized by the Japanese but, with the advantage of Imperial Preference on its goods which involves either total abolition or at least a big reduction of duty on entry, there is no reason to believe the Colony's manufacturers should suffer. This will, of course, depend a lot on whether Japanese textile manufacturers can bring down their prices sufficiently to cancel out the benefits of Imperial Preference.

HONGKONG business circles seem quite confident this will not be possible. These circles point out that costs in Japan are now much heavier than before the war. Capital, too, is short and unless there is a sudden tremendous influx of new money into Japan, local manufacturers believe they will not be seriously troubled with the new competition. There is likely to be a slight fall in Hongkong's trade with the United Kingdom as a result of specific provisions included in the agreement that Britain import certain Japanese goods which have not been admitted since the second world war—such as the 23 million worth of cotton and rayon grey cloth for processing in Lancashire. Looking at the agreement on a broader scale the conclusion is inescapable that some adjustment to Anglo-Japanese trade was essential; something had to be done to correct last year's trade gap between Commonwealth countries and Japan which amounted to something like \$100 million. The new agreement is an attempt to balance trade at a level of \$210 million. It seems absurd for instance, that Japan should buy millions of pounds worth of Australian wool only to be confronted by defeating barriers when it tries to pay for the wool with its own exports. Lancashire's protests, of course, are not entirely unexpected. The Australian trade restrictions two years ago must still be fresh in the minds of British textile manufacturers, but their fears of Japanese competition swamping the colonies seem largely unfounded and indeed completely hypothetical. The new agreement, in fact, may be the spur to prick the British industry out of its complacent trot.

# Showdown This Week On The German Issue

## Ex-Queen Forfeits Claims FAROUK GIVEN SON'S CUSTODY

Cairo, Jan. 31. Ex-Queen Nourinman signed away all claims today to the custody of her two-year-old son, Ahmed Fouad, in return for an agreement by deposed King Farouk to divorce her. The chubby, dark-eyed Nourinman, 19, also agreed to drop her suit for US\$14,000 a month alimony, in a document which she signed silently at her home while her mother and grandmother wept. Farouk is in Italy. The document will go before the Sharia (Moslem domestic claims) Court on February 2 for a ruling by Judge Shihk Ahmed Mourad. Nourinman received the right occasionally to see little Fouad who was King for a short while after Farouk's dethronement last year, and to take up with the government the matter of support when Farouk's confiscated property, worth \$28,000,000, is sold. There was little hope, however, that she would be able to claim any of the money. Government officials maintain that the sale of Farouk's extensive properties will barely cover his debts. MOTHER WEEPS Today's agreement was drafted by lawyers representing both Nourinman and Farouk. She slipped silently to her room after signing, but her mother, Mrs. Asya Sadek, and grandmother, Naima wept as they affixed signatures. A Syrian lawyer, Ehsan el-Sherif, and Sheikh Mustafa el-Gamal, signed for Farouk. Moharram Fahim and Ali Reda signed for Nourinman. Nourinman and Farouk were married in May 1951, when she was a beautiful 17-year-old commoner. Farouk was deposed in July 1952 and she accompanied him and their son into exile in Italy. Last March she fled to Switzerland, leaving the ex-king in Rome with Fouad. She brought suit for divorce six months later, after her return to Cairo, accusing the ex-king of adultery, adultery, maltreatment, mental cruelty and estrangement. At the same time she filed the divorce suit, she filed another asking for \$14,000 a month alimony and payment of a dowry of about \$20,000 which she said Farouk never gave her. Since then, lawyers for both sides have tried to reach an amicable settlement.—United Press.

## Statement About The Hydralock

At 6.20 a.m., local time on January 31, the ss Hydralock was intercepted and stopped by three Nationalist warships. The hydralock was bound for Shanghai from Amoy, but proceeded on her voyage after a short delay, says a Royal Navy statement issued this morning.

## Warning Repeated

Washington, Jan. 31. A House of Representatives Sub-Committee supported today the warning by the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, that if France and other West European nations delayed beyond "a reasonable length of time" ratifying European Army plans, "the United States would be compelled—not by its choosing—to readjust its policy." The Sub-Committee—three members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee—also reported that European UN members were "not adequately supporting" a voluntary \$65,000,000 (about \$20,700,000) fund for relief of South Korea. This was "most disappointing" since the United States had made a 60 per cent contribution in

## NEW OPTIMISM AT BIG FOUR CONFERENCE

Berlin, Jan. 31. The Big Four conference tonight moved towards a showdown on the vital issue of German unification as the West reaffirmed its refusal to compromise on its plan for free elections and the Soviets stood firm on their rival project. Experts of the US, Britain and France had determined on the Western stand as the Ministers prepared to shift the site of the conference tomorrow from the Allied Control Authority building in the American sector to the massive stone structure of the Soviet Embassy in the Communist eastern half of this former capital. Communist newspapers from Moscow to Berlin hammered at the free election plan for unifying Germany submitted by British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden on behalf of the West. They left little doubt that Soviet Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov will insist on his demand for a national German Government first—including representatives from the Communist East—when the Four-Power parley resumes tomorrow afternoon after today's respite.

The US Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, said yesterday the German problem would be the "test" of whether any real progress towards easing world tensions will emerge from this conference. The odds are still heavy against ending the long East-West deadlock on Germany, here in Berlin, Nonetheless, there was a surprising mood of optimism apparent among all four delegations here. The conviction, boldly held by only a few Soviet experts at the start of the talks last Monday, that Moscow is determined not to permit the conference to be labelled "a failure," has now become fairly general. One Minister here confided that he believes the Russians are determined to offer world opinion "something—perhaps only a comparatively minor thing—to prove that tension is easing and that contacts between East and West should continue.

### THE REAL TEST

The United States, Britain and France are in agreement that the best place to test the real Soviet intention will come in secret meetings. They recognize that regular sessions with Mr. Molotov, with full press going to the more than 1,000 newsmen here, turns the conference into a propaganda forum. The American view was known to be that "unless it is possible to meet privately, it may never be possible to accomplish very much." However, the United States regards the progress thus far as "not inauspicious." The British find some "encouragement" and the French think the situation is "interesting." All three are agreed that they are being confronted by a "new Molotov." An always formidable opponent, Mr. Molotov has been acting the part of a comparatively relaxed and flexible diplomat at this conference. It is generally agreed that the death of Stalin has given him

much more freedom. Whereas the late Soviet leader liked to be his own boss in every field, the Western view is that under Premier Georgi Malenkov there has been a change in Soviet orientation which leans more to the "rules committee." Thus, Mr. Molotov, it is felt, has much greater manoeuvrability. Combined with his desire to get the West to let down its guard at this juncture in history, diplomats feel Mr. Molotov has laid aside his usual vituperative script in favour of the normal diplomatic eloquence. The ostensible purpose of the secret talks will be to decide whether Mr. Molotov's proposal for a Big Five world peace parley including Communist China can be sharpened down to some action acceptable to the West. The United States, firmly supported by the British and France, so far have refused to consider the principle of a five power parley. Any "backdoor" admittance of Red China to the status of a great power will not be considered by the United States, Mr. Dulles has emphasised.

### FIRM IN UNITY

As the three Western delegations looked back on the week of talks, they agreed: 1. The pace of the conference has been "far better than we dared hope." The agreement to accept the Molotov agenda despite its depressing five-power conference proposal avoided any procedural wrangle. 2. The unity of the West has held firm and today is stronger than at the start of the conference as a result. France has turned a deaf ear to all Soviet hints of a possible Indo-Chinese peace which might emerge from a Big Five parley. And Britain, which would like to trade more with a Red China it has already recognised, has not given much encouragement to Mr. Molotov. 3. The main issue of Germany has been joined. Mr. Molotov has not belatedly changed his mind on dropping his demand although he will return to it later. 4. The coming week will provide a real answer as to how far the Soviet Union is willing to venture in its bid for the confidence of a world accustomed to Moscow's intransigence and aspiration. Authoritative Western quarters are convinced that Mr. Molotov will seek to create the impression of at least limited success by retelling old problems when the meeting here ends.

### CLEAR ENTANGLEMENTS

A Western diplomat said the West was successful in "clearing away a lot of barbed-wire entanglements thrown in our path by Mr. Molotov," because of its unity and because of Mr. Molotov's anxiety to put his best face forward with world opinion. It cost Mr. Molotov nothing to drop his "old-chestnut" proposal for a world peace conference, the source said. It was regarded as a move of little substance when he only wasted one day on it. (Cont. on back page, Feb. 2)



## The Worst Winter Since 1947

London, Jan. 31. Snow drifts of more than ten feet in Britain and freezing conditions throughout the continent today heralded yet another day of the worst winter to hit Europe since 1947. In Eastern France, a mother found her two-month-old son frozen to death in his cradle. Her five-year-old daughter was rushed to hospital in a critical condition from frost-bite. Special expeditions of farmers have been organised in Britain, especially in snow-bound Wales, to rescue herds of cattle and sheep, which are threatened with death by freezing. London, which is suffering less than other areas of the country, today had a temperature of four degrees Centigrade made traffic conditions extremely hazardous. No relief for Europe has been forecast. In France, there were sub-zero temperatures all day with a bitter north-east wind howling across the country. RIVERA SNOW It has been so cold that snow has fallen on the traditionally warm Riviera. As Markstein in Eastern France, the temperature dropped today to minus eighteen degrees Centigrade. There is ten degrees of frost at Lyons and at Chamonix, 15 degrees. There was a general paralysis of sport and life in Paris as streets were forced to proceed at a snail's pace. So far, few accidents have been reported. Sand has been spread on main thoroughfares, and ice is now forming around the arches of bridges over the Seine. Large numbers of would-be skaters today were hopelessly watching the ponds on the Bois de Boulogne, but were kept back by the police as the ice had not yet reached the required thickness. Park rules insist on at least four-and-a-half inches of ice before skating is permitted.—France-Press.

## JAPANESE SHIP IN TROUBLE

Tokyo, Feb. 1. A Japanese freighter with 25 men aboard tossed helplessly in the Japan Sea today, with a crippled tugboat and three Coast Guard vessels were sent to rescue it. The freighter, the 870-ton Shikyo Maru, radioed that it was drifting for Hamada, south-western Japan.—United Press.

## Guarding The Soviet Embassy



A member of the German People's Police (left), armed with a sten-gun, and a Russian soldier, with bayoneted rifle stand guard outside the Soviet Embassy in the Unter den Linden, where the second week of the Big Four Conference will take place.—London Express.

## Growing Death Toll In Rail Disaster

Suwon, Korea, Feb. 1. More than 50 Koreans were killed and an estimated 100 injured last night when a crowded Korean passenger train collided with a truckload of fish and was derailed. Three of the 17 railcars in the train were telescoped when the engine leaped off the track after dragging the truck nearly 200 yards. One victim was cut in half by a steel beam, eight others were hurled on top of the engine and three of them burned to death against the scalding hot boiler. American military police and Korean railway workers were searching the twisted wreckage nearly 12 hours later, attempting to reach the bodies trapped between crumpled steel plates.—United Press.

### QUEBEC TRAGEDY

Three Rivers, Quebec, Jan. 31. At least 15 persons were killed and 10 injured last night when a crowded bus collided with an empty auto transporter truck and burst into flames while survivors, trapped by a jammed door, struggled desperately to escape. The police said today that the bodies had been recovered and brought to a funeral parlour here, where a grief-stricken relatives of missing passengers were attempting to identify them. Officers said three others may have perished. One body was found 12 hours after the accident, frozen in the snowing "where it had been hurled by the impact," United Press.

## Pope Must Have More Rest Says Physician

Vatican City, Jan. 31. Pope Pius XII spent another restless night and his doctor warned today that he must spend more time in bed if he is to conquer his week-old attack of hiccoughs and fatigue. Authoritative Vatican sources, reporting this tonight, said the Pope's physician, Professor Riccardo Galeazzi-Lisi, believes the 77-year-old Pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church must cut still further his reduced activities. While messages of sympathy and good wishes poured into the small Vatican state post office, all Vatican quarters emphasized that there still is no cause for alarm, that the measures are precautionary and that the Pope's heart and other vital organs are in "excellent" condition. The sources said the Pope got only two or three hours sleep which was interrupted at times by attacks of hiccoughs. They also said that for the first time since his illness last year he did not say mass, although he did receive Holy Communion. STAYED UP LATE The Pope said the excessive tiredness which prevented the Pope from saying mass was caused by the fact that he stayed up until 9.30 last night and slept only fitfully. The source said the Pope retired to his simple iron-postered bed last night at 9 o'clock but that Prof. Galeazzi-Lisi wanted him to retire an hour or two earlier, immediately after dinner. The hiccoughs, which began a week ago today, the result of a nervous stomach stemming from overwork, persist although the interval varies from a peak of once every 20 seconds to once every 30 minutes, the source said. They said that while the general fatigue had now moved into its second week, the Pope's general condition had not worsened. The continued insomnia, however, indicates that the nervousness has not yet disappeared, the sources said. When his health is normal, the Pope, who drives himself at a strong pace, sleeps only four hours from about 2.30 to 6.30. He normally says mass at 7.30.—United Press.

## 3 Prisoners Escape From Stanley Gaol

Members of the Hongkong Police Force and members of the Hongkong Prison staff were making an extensive search this morning for three long-term prisoners who escaped from Stanley Prison last night. In a statement today, the Commissioner of Prisons, Mr. C. J. Norman, said that the three men were serving terms for robbery with aggravation. The escapees are Tung Kwong, Prison No. 1885 who was serving thirteen years; Fung Shek, Prison No. 2212, serving nine years; and Wong Kams, Prison No. 2166 serving seven years. Mr. Norman said the escape was discovered when the prisoners were unlocked for labour this morning. The Police were informed and are searching with the Prison staff for the men. Knooke, North Belgium, Feb. 1. A seal weighing 60 kilograms (about 120 lbs.) was washed up exhausted on a beach here after a swim in the English Channel. The animal was killed by local people, who recovered its skin.—Reuter.

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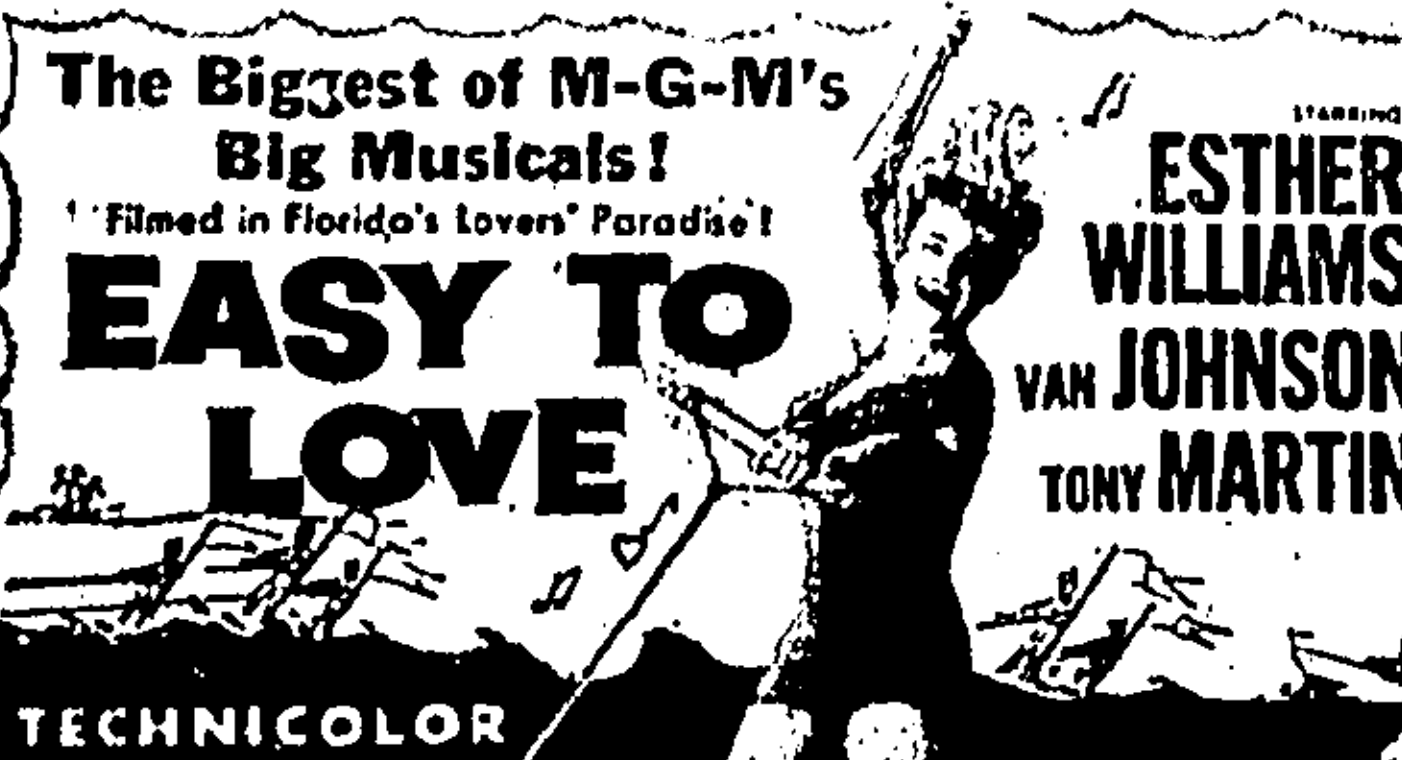
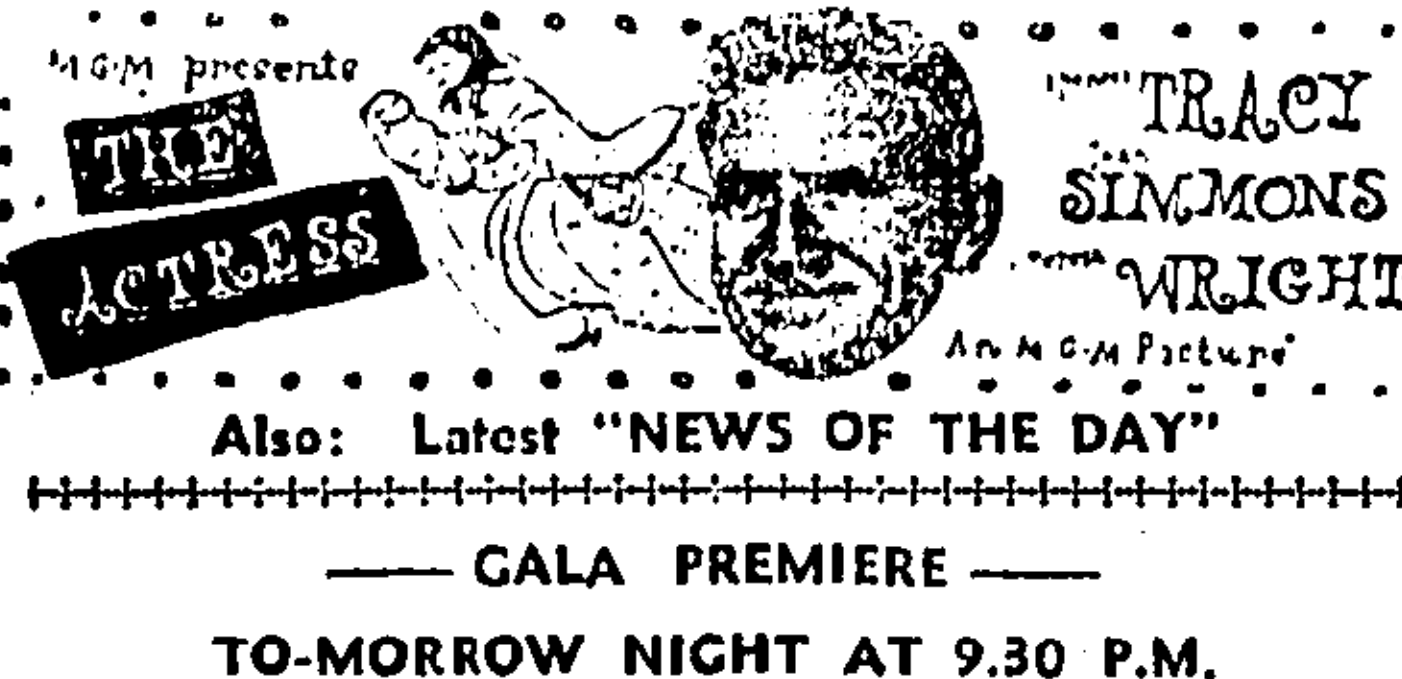
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# Spanish Bases Available During War US TO ASK FOR AGREEMENT

Washington, Jan. 31.

The State and Defence Departments have told a Congressional committee there would be no problems regarding the use of American bases in Spain in the event of international difficulties.

These departments added, however, an agreement should be reached previously with the Madrid Government.

The summary published today of a recent House Appropriations Committee meeting held in camera also showed the Air Force has asked Congress for a credit of \$40,000,000 with which to begin work on the four American air bases in Spain to be built at Toren near Madrid, at El Copeno and Moron de la Frontera, both near Seville, and at the military airfield at Sanjurjo near Saragossa.

Construction is expected to begin in May.

Director of Installations for the Air Force, Major Gen. Leo B. Washburne and the chief of the Navy's Bureau of Yards and Docks, Rear-Admiral J. H. Perry, also said the Navy plans to start work on seven Naval sites at the same time.

The House Appropriations Committee made public testimony by General Washburne, Admiral Perry and other officials connected with the Spanish base programme.

Admiral Perry, who appeared before the Committee on Jan. 7, was asked directly by Representative Elford A. Cedarberg (Republican, Michigan) for "clarification on our ability to use these bases in time of war." Representative Cedarberg said he also wanted to hear from "some one in the State Department."

**NO PROBLEM**

Admiral Perry's reply was put "off the record." But at the Committee's request, the Defence Department issued the following statement which was approved by the State Department.

"As the bases agreement states, the time and manner of any possible wartime use will be mutually agreed upon. From the discussions we have had on this point, we feel assured that there would be no problem regarding effective use in time of emergency and that U.S. interests in this regard are fully protected."

The pact with Spain refers to "agreements for self-defence." It does not say what would happen if Russia attacked elsewhere in Europe and Spain was not directly involved in the aggression.

Air Force Secretary Harold E. Talbot was asked about the agreement at a news conference last week. He replied that "when the balloon goes up, we are going to use them (the bases). Who's going to stop us?"

**PORT FACILITIES**

Later the Air Force issued a "clarifying" statement which said the United States had "every intention of living up" to terms of the formal agreement. It promised "every spirit of co-operation" with Spain.

The statement apparently was issued to make sure that Spain and other countries in which this nation has bases would not be offended.

The total cost of the four bases was estimated at \$98,000,000.

The House and Senate Armed Services Committees recently approved a figure for preliminary work on the bases. The money also includes funds for a 570-mile pipeline connecting the Navy and Air Force installations.

The Navy work will deal mostly with improvements to port facilities and ammunition and fuel oil storage depots. It also includes major improvements to a Naval base near Cadiz.

Gen. Washburne said the Air Force expects to be using the

bases in about two years. He also said the two bases near Seville are "exceptionally suitable for bombardment operations" because of the "broad valley" there—United Press and France-Press.

**UK BASES**

Washington, Jan. 31. The United States Air Force is seeking US\$33,650,000 "new money" for construction work on 19 air bases in Britain during the fiscal year 1954-55, it was disclosed today.

The figure and details of the Air Force programme were made public in the transcript of closed hearings conducted by a House Appropriations Subcommittee early this month.

Brigadier General Stanley T. Wray told the sub-committee that the requested funds will bring forward the US\$370,000,000 base construction programme in the United Kingdom to the point where all 19 bases will become available for limited operations.

"This programme... provides not quite the minimum operational facilities on 19 stations," General Wray said.

Air Force witnesses said with the requested new money, all but two of the 19 bases would be "substantially complete." The exceptions were those at Exvington and Sturgate.

General Wray indicated that another US\$15,000,000 would be required to finish rehabilitation of those former R.A.F. bases.—United Press.

## British Jews Protest At Arms For Arabs

London, Jan. 31.

The British Section of the world Jewish congress today voted through a resolution protesting against military aid supplied by certain governments to Arab states in the form of arms consignments.

The resolution said the grant of such military aid must inevitably encourage Arab hostility against Israel, preventing the attainment of peace in the Middle East.

It appealed to the governments to prevail on the Arab states to conclude a peace settlement with Israel.

The British Section also adopted an appeal to the Hungarian, Czech, and Rumanian governments urging them to free Jewish leaders in their countries and thereby make a genuine contribution to the cause of peace and international understanding.

Later in the afternoon the congress adopted the report presented by its executive and re-elected the Marchioness of Reading as president of the British Section as she has been since its foundation in 1936.—France-Press.

## Anglo-Egyptian Talks At A "Dead End"

London, Jan. 31.

The Sunday Times said today in an editorial that the Anglo-Egyptian talks had come to a dead end. The belief, held by shrewd observers last summer and autumn, that success was likely because both sides really wanted an agreement, wanted it so much, each for its own reasons, that they would pay the price necessary to get it, no longer comforts us. It is almost certainly no longer true of the Egyptian government; rightly or wrongly, they appear to prefer the prospect of a breakdown to the internal risks of further compromise.

"Whether it is still true of the British government is for them to consider, and to decide without further procrastination. If they, too, prefer breakdown to further compromise, they will have to take at once the measures required to cope with the breakdown's consequences. And they will have to convince the public here, not only that the price asked was indeed too high for all the benefits of a long-term accord with Egypt, but also that they have a practicable substitute plan in face of implacable Egyptian hostility, both now and after 1956.

"For then our treaty rights become subject to a United Nations ruling, which is hardly to be counted on, as to Egypt's incapacity as a sovereign state.

"Delay at least gains us nothing. It is time the government made up their mind, expressed it plainly and acted on it with decision."—United Press.

They reject Nehru's request to cut incomes

## INDIAN PRINCES CANNOT LIVE ON £7,500 A YEAR

New Delhi, Jan. 31.

One hundred and two Indian princes have rejected Prime Minister Pandit Nehru's appeal to cut down their personal incomes which range from £7,500 to £37,500 a year, it was announced today.

In fact almost every prince has told Nehru how hard it is to live on his existing salary.

Constitutionally, the princes are on sound ground. Each prince whose state was taken over when India became a Republic has in writing the solemn word of the Government that his privy purse will "neither be increased nor reduced for any reason whatsoever." But despite this pledge there is not a single prince in the country who is prepared to be emphatic in his refusal to accede to the Prime Minister's request.

"We feel that legally and morally we have every right to say no to Mr. Nehru," one leading prince said. "But we are realistic enough to know that should he so desire the Prime Minister, through the Government, could make life very difficult for us. All we can do is to tell him about our financial difficulties in the hope that he will understand our case."

All the 102 princes who received the "letter of persuasion" from the Prime Minister are receiving privy purses of Rs. 100,000 (£7,500 sterling) or more a year. About 24 of them receive £37,500 a year, 31 get between £15,000 and £37,500 and 47 between £7,500 and £15,000.

The Government bill for privy purses totals £4,236,990 a year, a sum which Mr. Nehru described in his letter as a "heavy strain on the national income, diverting funds which could otherwise be used for India's development."

**FAIRYTALE EXISTENCE**  
There seems little doubt that a number of India's princes could suffer a cut in their income without in any way affecting their fairy-tale existences.

Some of them in recent years have had to dispense with the family treasure house and sell the occasional diamond to finance a trip abroad. But in many cases the loss of a jewel or two would scarcely be noticed. The Jodhpur jewel house, for instance, is reputed to contain gems estimated at £3,000,000 sterling, including one of the oddest items of jewellery on record—a pair of diamond eye-brows held in place by hooks over the ears.

Another princely secret is the contents of the Tiger Fort of Jaipur. This small fortress on a hill overlooking Jaipur city is said to be stuffed with fabulous loot collected during the time of the Moghul kings. Even the ruling Maharaja does not know

the contents of the Fort, although in accordance with a tradition, he is led blind-fold into the treasure house once during his life-time and allowed to choose one object to take away with him.

The jewel fortune of the Nizam of Hyderabad is said to be worth about £10,000,000 sterling, while the Maharaja of Baroda has in the collection the world's most famous pearl necklace, the value of which has never been assessed.

**FARE CUPBOARD**  
Many of India's other princes, however, were not left in such happy circumstances by their ancestors, and with the treasure cupboard bare, they now have to live on what they receive from Government.

One Maharaja who now receives £7,500 a year explained his problem. He said that before the accession of his State to India his income from royal properties alone was £150,000 sterling a year. While his income has been drastically cut, he says, his expenses have remained much the same.

This Maharaja has to keep up a palace which contains 37 full suites, with a staff of 120—and this has recently been cut from 300—a home in the Simla Hills, and provide for all the children of his father's nine wives and their dependents. He also has three wives of his own.

He claims, as do his fellow-princes, that it is essential that their palaces be maintained. They stress, and it is accepted in India, that though they may now be divested of their ruling powers, they are still royal families and as such are worshipped by millions of subjects throughout the country.

**CAUSE UNEMPLOYMENT**  
Resentment at this mode of living of these princes and the amounts which are paid to them in their privy purses is centred as a result more in political circles than in the minds of their former subjects.

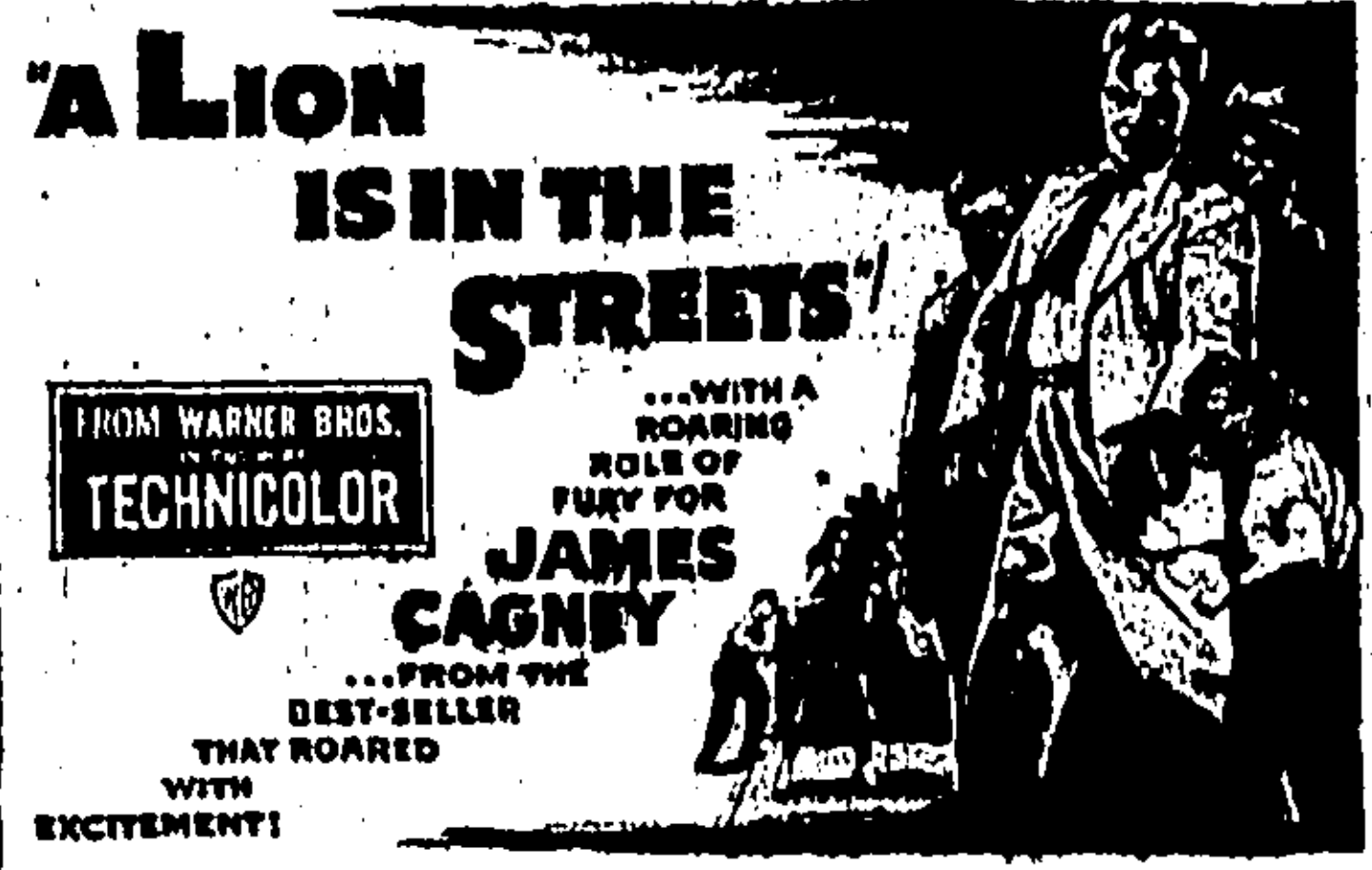
The princes, in support of their case, have also argued that they have no guarantee that any amounts which they voluntarily cut from their income will be used to improve the condition of their people.

Any cuts in their income, they add, would result in the dismissal of hundreds of their personal servants, who would have little chance of finding other employment so long as India's lists of unemployed run into millions.—China Mail Special.

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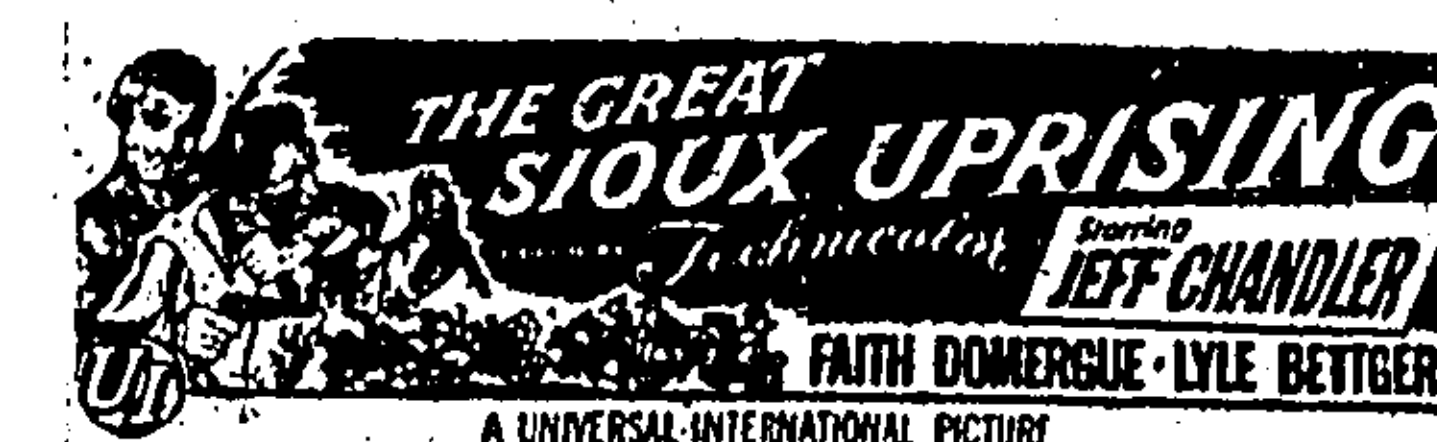
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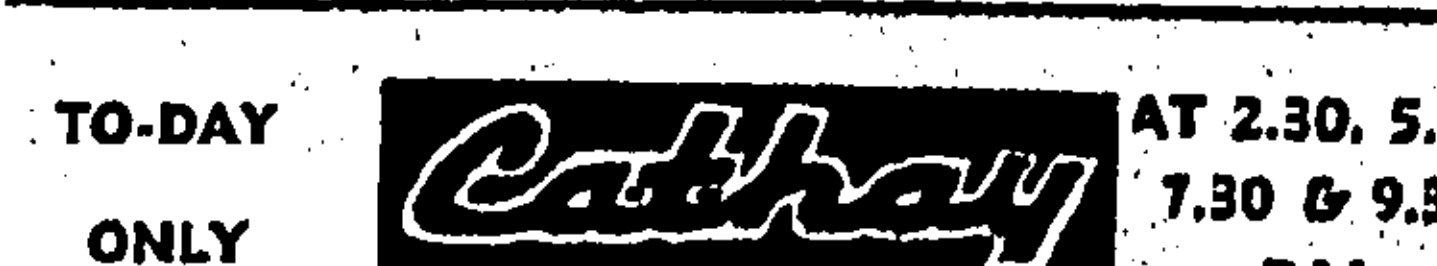
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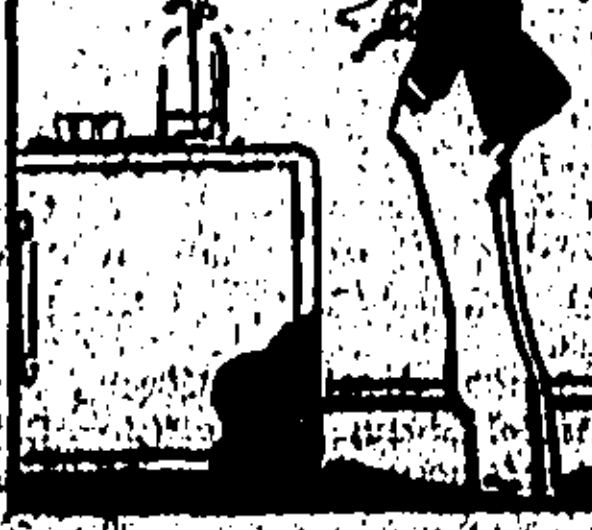
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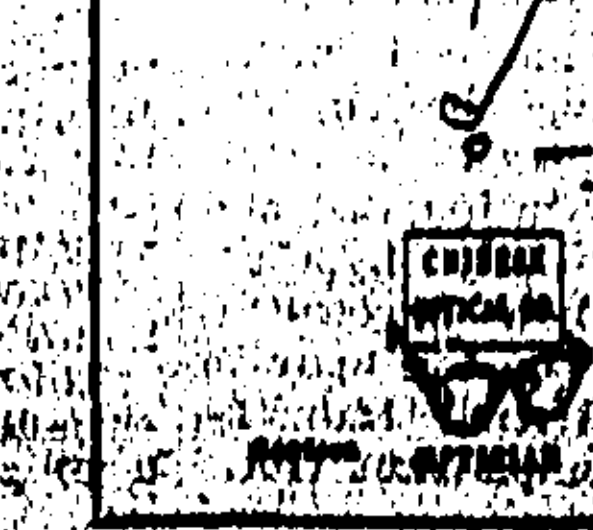
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# NAM IL'S STRONG PROTEST AT P.O.W. EXCHANGE

## Threat To Raise Question At Korean Talks

London, Jan. 31.

The North Korean Foreign Minister, General Nam Il today issued a "resolute protest" against the transfer of Korean and Chinese prisoners of war to "the cliques of Syngman Rhee and Chiang Kai-shek".

Tass, the official Soviet news agency, quoting Pyongyang Communist Radio said Nam Il described the United States action as "provocative" and referred to "mass murders" of prisoners. He also referred to "American threats" which, he said, had prevented the Neutral Repatriation Commission from exercising its rights of control over prisoners.

General Nam Il indicated that North Korea would raise these questions at "the Korean political conference and other competent international conferences."

His statement also supported the Soviet demand for a five-power conference including Communist China.

General Nam Il declared: "With the open support of the American ruling circles, which continue to lead a policy of war-like adventures in the Far East, criminal abuses have been committed to the south of the demarcation line in Korea with the aim of disrupting the final settlement of the Korean problem."

He said his Government considered the release of the prisoners "a serious violation both of the Geneva convention on the treatment of prisoners of war, which prescribes an immediate repatriation, and of the armistice agreement at Korea."

He accused the American of "unprovoked crimes" against prisoners who wanted repatriation and said that because of "threats by the American military authorities" the Neutral Commission had "capitulated to the American side."

"In spite of the fact that the representatives of the Communist Government of the Republic of China have been able to fulfil honestly its task and did not resist the unfair attitude of the Swiss and Swedish members of the Commission," General Nam added.

He said that because of the Americans had been able to "seize the prisoners of war," his Government "cannot consider as satisfactory these acts of the Neutral Repatriation Commission and expresses its deep regret."

—Routier.

### China Seeks Big Five Meeting

Washington, Jan. 31. The State Department has been led to believe that Communist China is using three American citizens seized on a yacht off Hongkong last March as well as about 100 other American citizens interned in China as hostages in its attempt to force a Big Five Foreign Ministers' conference, according to United Press reports.

Diplomatic officials said today that Communist China may also be stalling on a Korean peace conference, and the Indo-China war in its effort to get a Big Five conference.

Officials doubt whether the Communists will make any move to ease the Far Eastern tensions until the Western Allies agree to such a meeting. The Allies are unilaterally opposed to meeting with Red China at this time.

They said Red China may be holding nearly 100 American civilians, including three men seized on a yacht off Hongkong last March, as hostages in an effort to pry some sort of a concession from America.

Seized from the yacht were Richard Applegate, National Broadcasting Company correspondent and former United Press reporter; Donald Dixon, International News Service correspondent; and Ben Krashinsky, a Brooklyn, N.Y., sea captain. There has been no word as to their whereabouts from the Communists.

MAY BE RELEASED

The State Department apparently has been led to believe that there may be a chance that the three men and other U.S. civilians may be released if the United States would agree to include Communist China in an international conference.

Russian Foreign Minister V. M. Molotov plugged hard for a Big Five Foreign Ministers' meeting in Berlin last week. The Western powers rejected his proposal.

Chou En-lai, Communist China's Foreign Minister, said on Friday that a Big Five conference must be held in view of the "international situation created by the aggressive policy" carried out by the United States.

This country has insisted it has no intention of abandoning the Nationalist Government of Chiang Kai-shek in favour of the Chinese Reds.

The last U.S. citizen to be released from Red China was Arnold M. Kishin, a 43-year-old businessman who was allowed to enter Hongkong on January 3.—United Press.

### Strike Threat In New York

New York, Jan. 31. New York harbour tugboat crews are to go on strike at 5 a.m. tomorrow unless a new contract has been drawn up by then.

Tug operating company proposals were rejected today by the union which represents the crews.—France-Press.

### A Franc For Rearmament

Brussels, Jan. 31. A tax of one franc a litre on petrol brought in 10,247 million Belgian francs (£73,000,000) last year to help pay for Belgium's defence, the Treasury announced here.

The tax, called the "franc for rearmament," was instituted in 1951.—Routier.

## Kashmir's Accession To India To Be Ratified Soon

New Delhi, Feb. 1.

The Constituent Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir State is expected to ratify the State's accession to India when it meets on Wednesday, according to Indian political circles here.

The Constituent Assembly is also expected to implement all parts of the agreement signed on July 24, 1952, in New Delhi between India and Kashmir on their constitutional relationship.

It was concluded after long discussions between the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru, the former Kashmir Prime Minister, Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah, and other representatives of the two Governments.

Talks were held in Delhi last week between representatives of the Kashmir Government, led by Mr. Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah,



Dawn take-off from Hatfield, England, for John Cunningham in Britain's newest Comet, the larger and more powerful Series Two, as it set out on what proved to be a record breaking trip—London to Khartoum, 3,080 miles in 6 hours 24 minutes. Not yet in passenger service, the new machine will go on to Johannesburg for its trials in tropical temperatures. The previous record between London and Khartoum of 14 hours 25 minutes is held by an R.A.F. Lincoln piston-engine bomber.—Express Photo.

## "Few Koreas Better Prospect Than World War III"—Urey

Chicago, Jan. 31.

Nobel prize winning atomic scientist, Dr. Harold Urey, said today the United States should not adopt the threat of atomic war as a means of "policing" the world, but should emphasise weapons of more limited scope.

Dr. Urey, who helped develop the first atomic bomb, said he was "very unhappy" over what he called the Eisenhower Administration's threat of massive retaliation for any new aggression.

Speaking on a radio programme, Dr. Urey said: "If we ever get to the place where we use atomic bombs, we can expect World War III with atomic bombs being dropped on us. It's something we should avoid."

Dr. Urey asked what the United States was prepared to do if the Chinese launched a strong offensive in Indo-China. "Do we propose to drop bombs on Peking?" he asked. "If it means we are to pulverise Chinese cities, it means we are going to kill a lot of innocent people and it would be a bad thing to do."

"TURN AGAINST US" "Many people in Asia and Europe would turn against us and there would be many people against it in the United States."

"A few Koreas in the future is a better prospect than the start of World War III."

Dr. Urey welcomed President Eisenhower's proposal for an international pool of atomic materials for peaceful purposes, but he said it had "nothing to do with the military problem."

### Stage Censorship To End In Denmark Soon

Copenhagen, Jan. 31. All censorship of stage plays in Denmark will end on April 1, the new Social Democratic Government announced.

The present censor, Mr. J. C. Mommann, who has had the dubious pleasure of reading all stage texts and sometimes attending shows for years, is to be retired on pension.

But films will continue to be censored.—Routier.

### Western Germany's Population

Bonn, Jan. 31. Barring a mass emigration, the population of West Germany is likely to remain constant over the next 20 years, the Government statistical office reported.

The number of people over 65 would rise from 4,600,000 in 1952 to 6,600,000 by 1972.—Routier.

### Kesselring Re-elected

Bonn, Jan. 31.

Former German Field Marshal Albert Kesselring was today re-elected president of the Stahlhelm (Steel Helmet) organisation of German ex-servicemen.

The Stahlhelm organisation is holding its annual congress here.—France-Press.

## UK To Repair Thousands Of Weak Bridges

There are several thousand weak bridges in Britain, a Ministry of Transport spokesman said recently. Many of the weakest are those over railways.

High priority was being given to the work of reconstructing them. New methods of assessing strengths had been agreed and heavy traffic would be restricted on those found dangerous.

The spokesman was commenting on a report by Brig. C. A. Langley, an Inspecting Officer of Railways, into an accident at Ardrossan, Ayrshire, last April. A bridge over the railway collapsed as a Pickfords' tractor and trailer weighing 105 tons passed over it. There were no casualties.

The bridge, said Brig. Langley, was in good condition, but was not nearly strong enough to carry such a weight in safety. The hauliers had been warned many times that the road was unsuitable for abnormal loads.

"With the growth in the size of machinery and equipment the number of abnormal loads is increasing and they are often of such size that movement by road is the only practical method."

### TRAIN WAS DUE

"Some risks can be justified in the interests of industry and the export trade, but these must be kept within bounds. This accident has shown clearly what may happen when unjustifiable risks are taken and warnings ignored."

"It requires little imagination to visualise the result if the collapse of the Ardrossan bridge had occurred a few minutes later when a train would have been passing under it."

"The only real solution is to rebuild or strengthen those bridges over railways which are potential sources of danger. I strongly recommend that high priority be given to this work."

"The strengthening of all weak bridges will take many years, even if planned on ambitious lines. In the meanwhile, all possible steps should be taken to ensure that heavy loads are not routed over those bridges known to be too weak."

## United Europe's Part In World Economy

London, Feb. 1.

The European Movement's economic conference meeting here will be asked today to urge British Commonwealth and West European Governments to examine immediately recommendations for developing their overseas territories.

A trade commission, set up by the unofficial conference yesterday, drew up a resolution calling for examination of the "Strasbourg Plan" by the Governments.

This plan, approved by the 15-nation Council of Europe meeting at Strasbourg last year, aimed at making Western Europe independent of dollar aid by the development of the area's overseas territories.

It called for increased production of raw materials and the introduction of a preferential system between British Commonwealth and Continental Europe and their dependencies.

More than 200 delegates from over 20 European and Commonwealth countries are attending the European movement's four-day economic conference which ends with plenary sessions today.

### STRENGTHEN TIES

The conference is discussing measures to strengthen the economic ties between Western Europe and the British Commonwealth.

Commissions on trade, production and investment met yesterday to draw up resolutions for the final meetings.

The resolution of the trade commission, which was discussing the expansion of trade and free markets, also declared:

1. A united Europe, with its associated territories, could raise the living standards of its peoples and progress very rapidly towards a free world economy.

2. Any preferential trading rights within a European Commonwealth grouping was "essentially a step towards a free world market."

3. European and Commonwealth countries should adopt policies for a further liberalisation of currencies within the existing European Payments Union, the conclusion of long-term commodity agreements and reciprocal preferential reduction of tariffs.

Delegates, under Mr. H. H. Kesselring, financial expert and trade unionist, are among the delegates to the conference, at which Herr Herman Abs, the West German financier, is presiding.

Delegates will later submit conclusions and decisions to their Governments.

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### Grey Whales In The Blue Pacific

Washington, Jan. 31. There are a whole lot of grey whales in the blue Pacific, the Fish and Wildlife Service announced today.

There may be as many as 1,000 of the once rare breed.

The Interior Department agency has been counting the giant mammals as they swing close to land in search of warmer breeding grounds in the lagoons of lower California. It spotted 850 last year but said this year's census may reach 1,000.—United Press.

## Talks With Franco On Morocco

Madrid, Jan. 31.

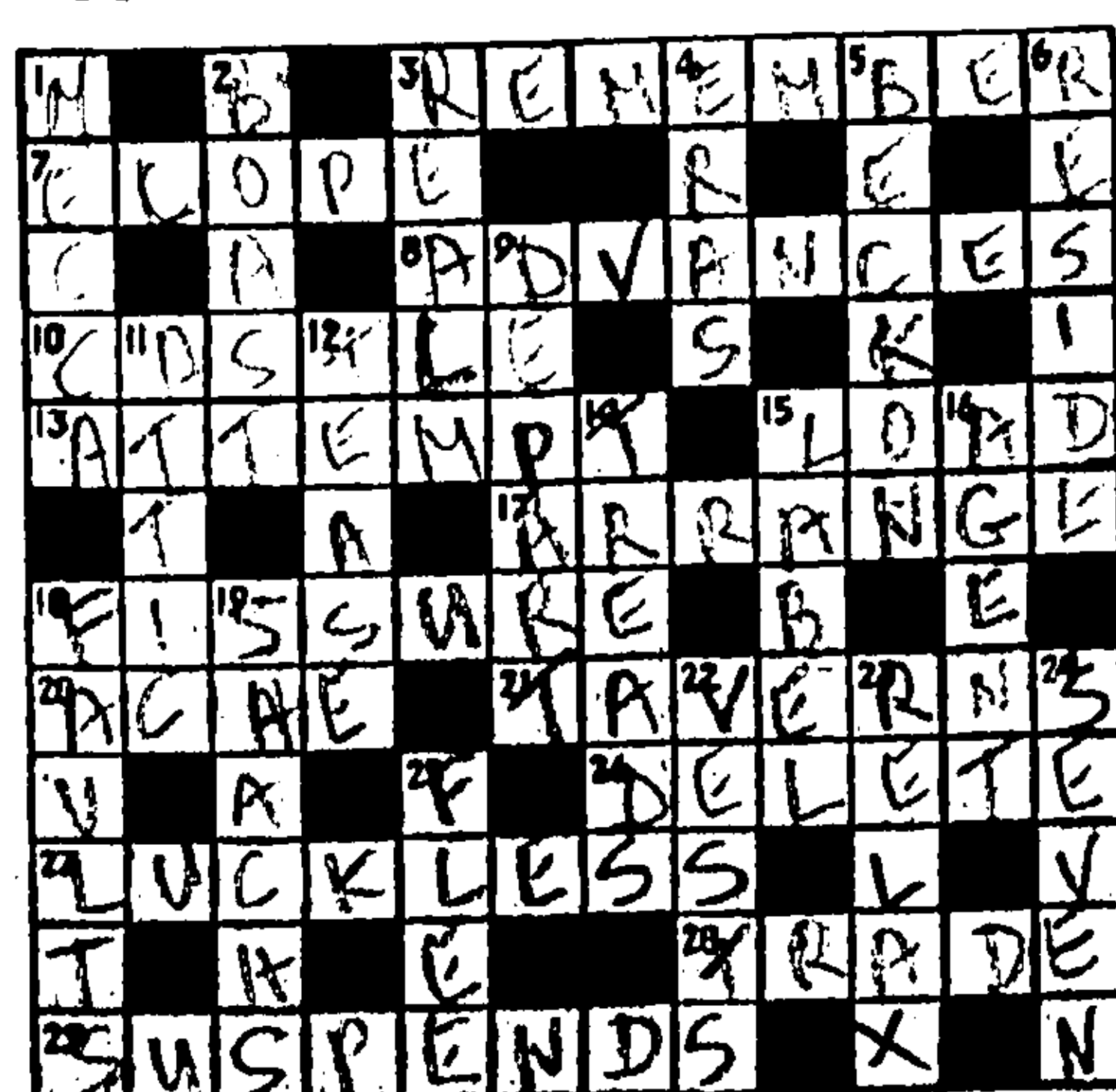
The High Commissioner in Spanish Morocco, General Rafael Garcia Valino, is due in Madrid tonight for what are believed to be discussions with the Premier, General Francisco Franco, following the Tetuan gathering of 430 Moroccan chiefs on January 21.

The chief of the meeting present General Valino with a letter addressed to the Spanish Chief of State, King Juan, who flew from Tetuan to Seville today and left for Madrid.—France-Press.

### Eugene Romer Dead

Warsaw, Jan. 31. Eugene Romer, the famous Polish cartographer who explored Alaska in 1913, died here at the age of 93, according to a Warsaw news report today.—France-Press.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



#### ACROSS

- 3 Recollect (8).
- 7 Run away to marry (5).
- 8 Progresses (8).
- 10 Stronghold (8).
- 13 Essay (7).
- 15 Burden (4).
- 16 Set in order (7).
- 18 Crack (7).
- 20 Continuous pain (4).
- 21 Inze (7).
- 22 Expunge (6).
- 27 Unfortunate (8).
- 28 Commence (6).
- 29 Hangs (8).

#### DOWN

- 1 Place of pilgrimage (5).
- 2 Brag (5).
- 3 Territory (5).
- 4 Perils (4).
- 5 Surmount by gesture (6).
- 6 Dwell (6).
- 8 Leave (6).
- 11 Top room (5).
- 12 Annoy (6).
- 14 Tangles (6).
- 15 Tag (5).
- 16 Representative (5).
- 18 Details (6).
- 19 Huts (6).
- 22 Undergrounds (8).
- 23 Ease off (5).
- 24 Numeral (5).
- 25 Escape (4).

**SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD:** Across: 1 Threat, 5 Happy, 8 Chase, 9 Masque, 10 Pylon, 11 Dwell, 12 Ease, 13 Fused, 16 Heavy, 19 Bismal, 20 Dudes, 22 Puma, 23 Acted, 25 Tarn, 26 Cling, 27 Elite, 28 Team, 29 Slayed, Down: 1 Tampered, 2 Reassembled, 3 Ache, 4 Theorem, 5 Hopchul, 6 Argum, 7 Proca, 14 Brouny, 15 Darnard, 16 Masals, 17 Seals, 18 Nevers, 21 Udd, 24 Dink.



**By GERALD BOURKE**

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NEXT morning, Puccini could hear newboys shouting "Mamma! Puccini's a flake," while he wrote to a friend in Rome: "Dear Padre, You must have been dismayed at the vile remarks of an envious Press. But never fear! 'Butterfly' is full of life and truth, and soon she will rise from the dead..."

Fiore advised the composer to re-emerge the opera and submit to custom by dividing the second act which had taken an hour and a half, for two acts as was usual. They also agreed that Puccini should write religious music for the tenor who had rather summarily dismissed, since Italian audience at the time demanded

## IN LONDON

During the war, the opera was seldom heard in America, since it was thought to portray an American officer behaving despicably towards a Japanese girl. Since 1945, it has sometimes been thought tactful to omit the scene of the action from the programme, for the harbour at Nagasaki has become the setting of a tragedy of immeasurably greater significance. The atomic blast destroyed the traces of the simple wicker home where Butterfly chose death rather than desertion by an American.

By **PATRICK MAITLAND, M.P.**

## Changed Outlook

But, coincidentally with the departure of King Farouk, the broad outlook has changed. Two other monarchs are gone—King Abdullah, victim of the assassin, and King Ibn Saud, victim of old age. Their respective heirs are, in the case of Jordan, less subtle but not less loyal to the British connection; and in Arabia less sensitive to the appeal of purely dynastic intrigue.

Instead, then, of Farouk's departure ending a source of dissension between the Arab States, the reverse has occurred.

The British alliance with Jordan is as firm as ever. The same holds true of Iraq, where the young King has re-

**A**t the corner of Santa Monica Boulevard and Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills is the Community Presbyterian Church. Many in the film colony attend the Sunday services and the social functions during the week.

The wife of one of my neighbours is an ardent worker in the church activities.

**CONTINUING "MY FRIENDS THE STARS," THE  
INTIMATE, FRIENDLY INSIDE STORY OF  
FABULOUS BEVERLY HILLS BY J. M. RUDDY**

Humphreys Bogart, who bought two, Ray Milland, Robert Strick, Virginia Mayo and Michael O'Shea, Clark Gable, Steve Cochran, Claudette Colbert, Joan Crawford, Michael Rennie, James Mason, Jerry Lewis and Dean Martin.

Glenn and Eleanor live in a rambling house on Cove Way on a short street in a quiet part of

their home rather than go out. Their 10-year-old son, a lively lad, brings his school pals up to play at the house, and Glen and Eleanor like children around them.

They both play tennis and golf, and recently have taken up reading aloud to each other. (Sorry to disappoint you. This isn't the wild part section of Hollywood and Beverly Hills)

Or he'll relax, in the sun beside his swimming pool and think of the places he's been to and where he'll go next. He'll spend a day tinkering with his car, a souped-up job with special carburetors, that will do 125 m.p.h. He'll clean his gun, check his fishing tackle, repair and lubricate tools. But he does little talking.

that the pool is in use. When the gate is opened, an electric bell sounds an alarm. A growling goes out at once to the swimming pool.

It was at Pasadena Community Playhouse that I first saw Bill Holden. His name then was Beedle, William Beedle, a dispirited actor who had a sense of humour about himself and could chuckle when kidded about his shortcomings.

**From DONALD LUDLOW**

**T**ROUBLE has come to the all-girl big-game safari that left New York for Africa 17 days ago.

Two of the 14 girls—Mrs. Mary Whalen, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Margaret Knapp, of

neurotic people.  
"Old-time actors played Richard as pretty much of a bad egg. Now," they say, "we know he suffered from a Narcissus (self-love) complex."  
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are that beautiful. And the handful who are maintain their beauty for only a few years.

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# HKAAA BREAKS ALL RECORDS IN CONDUCTING FASTEST EVER TRACK MEET IN HISTORY

UPSET OF THE DAY



The biggest upset of yesterday's Hongkong-Kowloon meeting at Boundary Street was the victory of Cpl. Jack Wood of RAF Shek Kong in the Three Miles over Chan King-yin, South China's ace distance runner. —China Mail Photo.

## LEAGUE CRICKET

## ARMY VERY NEAR TO WINNING BOTH DIVISIONS

By "THE ZOMBIE"

Army increased their lead in the Senior Division of the Cricket League and came nearer to finishing the season with an unbeaten record as another week-end of matches were concluded.

Navy's batsmen were again unable to rise to the occasion when they met Army on Saturday. Even with Ayar back in their team and with Pearson, Sadler and Fullwell to strengthen their batting, the sailors could only muster 53 runs on their first lease of the wicket.

Opening bowlers Alexander and Withall did most of the damage with Dowling and Pargetter well taking care of the rear.

Army's prospects of winning the League were further enhanced by the defeat of Recreation by the Optimists and the inability of Scorpions to force a win over the Indian Recreation Club.

In losing to the Optimists by 118 runs, Recreation suffered one of their most severe defeats in years. A steady innings of 64 by opening batsman Pritchard laid the foundation of an average score of 103 by the Optimists.

The Optimists took two hours only to compile that score, reaching the 50 in 41 minutes, the 100 in 67 minutes and the 150 in 103 minutes.

With Recreation being left almost as much time to make the runs, it looked as if a close finish was in store. But instead they were all out in the very short period of 45 minutes.

The match started in the very first over, when L. G. Gosan played outside an unassuming third ball from Mahon and was clean bowled.

In the next over, A. E. Noronha pushed one to cover and called for a short run. A

## Gundi Busch Wins Figure Skating Championship

Bolzano, Jan. 31. Gundi Busch, tall 18-year-old German girl who lives in Milan, won the European Women's Figure Skating Championship here today.

She was supreme in both the compulsory figures and the free skating. Undismayed by a fall early in her free skating programme today, she went on to win comfortably from two British girls, 20-year-old Miss Erica Batchelor and 14-year-old Miss Yvonne Sugden.

Miss Busch told reporters afterwards that "for the moment, there is no talk of my turning professional."

Winners of other titles were: Pairs: Sylvia and Michael Grandjean, Switzerland. Ice Dancing: Lawrence Denny and Jean Westwood, Britain.

LEAGUE STANDINGS

First Division	P	W	D	L	T	Pts.
Army	12	10	0	0	2	40
Optimists	13	7	3	0	3	31
Scorpions	12	6	4	1	1	30
Recreation	12	6	1	4	1	27
CCO	15	4	0	7	20	16
Navy	13	4	3	0	19	19
IRC	13	2	7	0	4	15
RAF	13	2	0	0	5	14
KCC	13	2	4	0	7	12
HKU	10	1	4	0	5	8

Second Division	P	W	D	L	T	Pts.
Army	14	14	0	0	0	56
RAF	13	9	1	0	3	37
Police	10	8	0	0	2	32
Dockyard	11	7	2	0	2	30
Navy	11	6	1	0	4	25
DBS	12	3	3	0	6	16
IRC	9	3	0	0	6	12
KCC	10	3	0	0	7	12
CCO	10	2	2	0	6	10
KGV	12	0	1	0	11	1
HKU	6	0	0	0	6	0

By "RECORDER"

There were critics yesterday of the Hongkong Amateur Athletic Association's methods of conducting a track and field meeting, but no one can say that it wasn't run on time. In fact, it was run so fast that one race was started before another was finished and the afternoon's guests of honour arrived at the appointed time to find that everything was over short of the remeasuring of the track.

The jumpers competed in an atmosphere of "Had your three hops, heh! Now hop it!" and found themselves at one stage the target of the hammer throwers. University's prize leaper, Ng Chun-wai, came very near to being laid out for good as a victim of the ball and chain gang.

Quite the craziest thing, however, was someone's bright idea of not waiting for the race walkers and starting the One Mile race behind them. The patient pedestrians had the disconcerting feeling once per lap of having a pack of runners sweeping round them at speed.

In the general confusion G. S. Kennedy Skipton, with Medhurst of the Royal Navy hot on his heels, worked into near international class time for the 1 1/2-Mile Race Walk.

NET AGE WALKING  
The timekeepers gave him 10 minutes, 0.4 seconds for the six laps and, as the organizer of the event, Mr. Kennedy Skipton promptly and quite rightly applied for HKAAA Standard Medals for the first three to finish. It was certainly Net Age walking.

The only explanation I can find for the fantastically fast time is the probability that only five laps were covered instead of six, but even over five laps 10:00.4 represents the fastest race walking ever seen in Hongkong.

Kennedy Skipton won by about two feet from Medhurst with Capt. L. R. Spooner about 50 yards back in third place. Toward the end of the Mile race the race walkers kept getting in the way of the timekeepers trying to catch the Miles' place mats and glared back with all the dignity in the world between heel and toe as officials tried to shoo them off the course.

Yes, Kowloon beat Hongkong by 173 points to 148 in the annual match, when he was beaten by a slower one from Mahon and was bowled.

The general standard was high and approached that of the best days of last season.

One Colony record was broken and six standard medals were won in the field events.

Quite the best performance of the meeting was Stephen

Xavier's 220 Yards around two turns of a perfect horseshoe course in 22.7 seconds. This would be equivalent to about 223 or 224 seconds on the old Caroline Hill track. In any case, it was a Colony record for 220 Yards and Xavier was slowing down as he approached the tape, a good eight to ten yards ahead of 2/Lt. Sweeney.

The track on being remeasured in the inside lane in which Xavier was found to be 4 1/2 feet too long, which, of course is much better than it had been one inch too short.

GIANT IN FORM

South China's giant Chan Wai-chuen found 40 feet in the Shot Put to set up a Boundary Street ground record, his best being 40 feet 23 1/2 inches (12.20 metres), which was 0 1/4 inches short of the Colony record set by Lt. J. F. Greer at Caroline Hill in 1951. Wai-chuen was in his best all-round form, taking second place in the Javelin Throw with 144 feet and fourth place in the Discus with 111 feet 6 inches, his best performance since the Colony record of 128 feet 0 1/2 inches at Boundary Street in December, 1952.

The Discus throwing was of a high standard, 2/Lt. Heron being a Standard Medal winner with 121 feet 8 inches for first place. Lt. Lambert reaching 117 1/2 feet and S/Sgt. Waite 111 1/2 feet.

Another Standard Medal went in the Javelin Throw when J.W. Bland of the Royal Navy reached the 171 feet 10 inches. Capt. R.A.F.S. Reep and Pte. Gordon of the Dorset completed the Standard Medal claimants with 10 feet 3 inches and 19 feet respectively in the Shot Put.

University's Ng Chun-wai won the battle of the long jumpers with a good 20 feet 9 1/2 inches. To King-chau being second with 20 1/2 feet and George Thumbe third with 20 3/4 feet.

The lads were all on form and if they had been given another three tries would quite probably have sailed well beyond 21 feet.

George Thumbe proved that he was no back number by also placing second with 41.5 in the strong Hop, Step and Jump field.

RACE OF THE DAY

The day was the day of the Three Miles, in which Cpl. Jack Wood, of RAF Shek Kong, outran South China's highly favoured Chan King-yin to win by a few yards after a race all the way in which Wood, King-yin, Cpl. R. Beck of RAF Shek Kong and 19 foot respectively in the mile.

Navy's Champion, kept changing positions and challenging for the lead on every lap.

The Half Mile and Mile were won in good times for the Boundary Street track — notoriously the slowest in the Colony. The Half saw the men of "Road" MacMahon, Colony record-holder for the 800 Metres and One Mile, who looked like he had the measure of the eventual winner, Capt. Fitz Gerald of the Royal Norfolk, only to fall at 600 metres and lose valuable yards.

The winning time was a good 2:09.0.

The Mile, a race all the way between the first three — was also won by a Royal Norfolk athlete, 2/Lt. Finch, in a good 4 minutes 46.8 seconds.

There was a close finish in the 440 Yards with 2/Lt. Hindell edging out 2/Lt. Holdsworth in 55.8 seconds with Lt. A. V. Ford third in 55.9 seconds.

Capt. J. E. Mulvaney, the Colony Champion, beat Capt. R.A.F.S. Reep of the Dorset in the 120 Yards High Hurdles.

Rita Hall re-established herself as the Colony's fastest feminine sprinter with a double victory

over Ho May-ye, setting a ground record of 20.3 seconds in the 220 Yards.

The Kowloon girls won the Relay with Joyce Cotton coasting in comfortably on the anchor lap after having received an appreciable lead.

THE SUMMARIES

100 Yards

1. Stephen Xavier (K) 10.2  
2. 2/Lt. Sweeney (K) 10.3  
3. Thum Chee-kee (K) 10.5

220 Yards

1. Rita Hall (HK) 12.5  
2. Ho May-ye (K) 12.7  
3. Pok Wing-sheung (K) 12.8  
4. Chan Chee-yuk (HK) 12.8

440 Yards

1. 2/Lt. Hindell (K) 55.4  
2. 2/Lt. Holdsworth (HK) 55.5  
3. Lt. A. V. Ford (K) 55.9  
4. Leung Kam-po (HK) 56.0  
5. Roy Spencer (HK) 56.9  
6. Pte. Davies (K) 57.9

880 Yards

1. Capt. Fitzgerald (K) 2:09.0  
2. 2/Lt. Sweeney (K) 2:11.4  
3. J. A. Kearney (HK) 2:15.0  
4. Leung Kam-po (HK) 2:17.4

One Mile

1. 2/Lt. Finch (K) 4:46.8  
2. Pte. Thompson (K) 4:54.3  
3. Skinn Williamson (HK) 4:56.7  
4. Spr. Owens (K) 5:05.9

Two Miles

1. Cpl. Jack Wood (K) 16:38.0  
2. Chan King-yin (HK) 16:41.5  
3. Cpl. R. Beck (K) 16:52.1  
4. Au Chung-shing (HK) 16:52.1

5. Lee Kam-hung (K) 16:52.1  
6. Medhurst (HK) 16:52.1

1 1/2-Mile Race Walk

1. G. S. Kennedy-Skipton 10:00.4  
2. Medhurst (HK) 10:00.8  
3. Capt. L. R. Spooner (K) 10:00.8

High Jump

1. Lin Cheung (HK) 5:4  
2. Li. McConell (K) 5:4  
3. L. Edwards (K) 5:2  
4. A.B. Pryne (HK) 4:10

Pole Vault

1. Capt. R.A.F.S. Reep 10:3  
2. Pte. Gordon (K) 10:0  
3. Kwong Lau-chin (HK) 9:0

Long Jump

1. Ng Chun-wai (HK) 20:0 1/2  
2. To King-chau (HK) 20:0 3/4  
3. George Thumbe (K) 20:0 3/4  
4. Chue Ming (K) 19:11 1/2  
5. Shek Wai-man (HK) 18:10 1/4  
6. Pte. Jordan (K) 18:5

Hop, Step & Jump

1. To King-chau (HK) 42:11  
2. George Thumbe (K) 41:5  
3. Ng Chun-wai (HK) 39:0  
4. Shek Ka-lim (HK) 38:7 1/2  
5. 2/Lt. Edwards (K) 38:3 1/4

Shot Put

1. Chan Wai-chuen (HK) 40:2 1/4  
2. 2/Lt. Heron (K) 38:10 1/4  
3. L/Bdr. Bartram (K) 36:11 1/4  
4. Gnr. Engleton (HK) 33:2 1/4

Discus Throw

1. 2/Lt. Heron (K) 121:0  
2. Lt. Lambert (K) 117:7  
3. S/Sgt. Waite (HK) 111:11 1/2  
4. Chan Wai-chuen (HK) 111:0

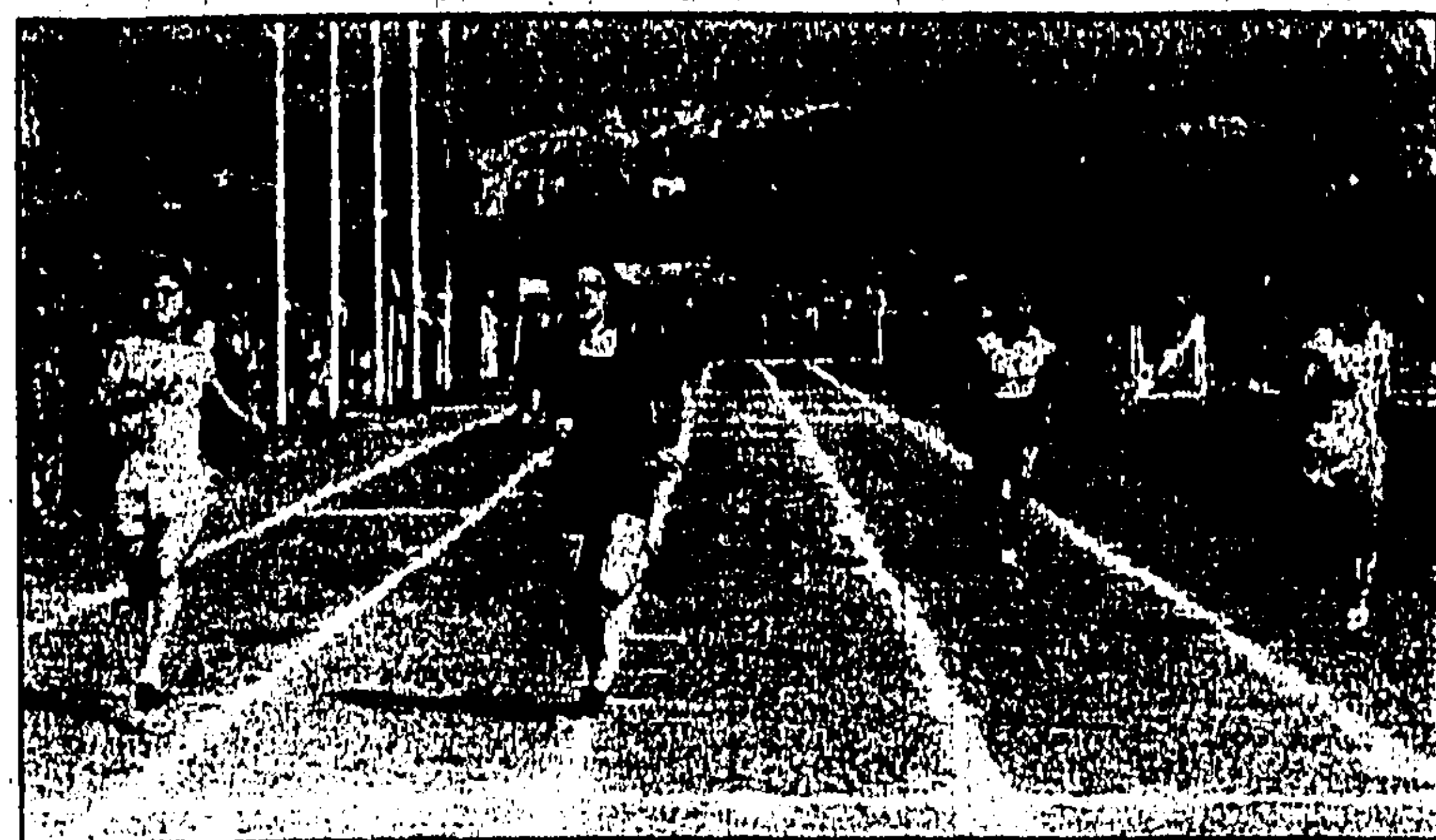
Javelin Throw

1. J. W. Bland (HK) 171:10  
2. Chan Wai-chuen (HK) 144:0  
3. 2/Lt. Holdsworth (HK) 143:5  
4. Pte. Wilson (K) 133:0  
5. Chue Ming (K) 112:4 1/2

Hammer Throw

1. S/Sgt. Waite (HK) 114:0  
2. TOMS Tostelove (K) 110:10  
3. SSI Docherty (HK) 105:10 1/4  
4. G/Sgt. Tizzard (K) 101:3 1/4

## FASTEST AGAIN



Rita Hall, the Colony Champion and record-holder, re-established herself as the fastest in Hongkong when she beat Ho May-ye (extreme left), to whom she lost three weeks ago, in the 100 Yards event at the Hongkong v. Kowloon meeting at Boundary Street yesterday. She later set a Boundary Street ground record in winning the 220 Yards in 20.3 seconds. — China Mail Photo.

CAA 0, KMB 4

## Lee Kam-Koon Holds The Busmen At Bay—But One Man Is Not Enough

By I. M. MacTAVISH

The second half of this game at Caroline Hill must rank among the poorest football we have seen in any First Division game this season. After some interesting first half play the proceedings deteriorated steadily after the interval and the already small crowd had dwindled to a mere handful long before the finish.

KMB won without ever having to get out of bottom gear and eventually they were only prevented from overrunning a very scrappy CAA side by the grand fighting display of single-handed defensive work by centre-half Lee Kam-Koon. This youngster had an excellent game but towards the end he was so tired that he lost that vital yard of speed and this was the direct cause of two late goals.

Some of the play in the closing minutes of the game was marred by the doubtful tactics of one or two of the CAA defenders and I felt that in at least a couple of instances the referee might have been more severe with the offenders.

Play opened on a lively note and after a strong raid by CAA the Busmen swung play to the other end and only a good save by Tam Kwok-luen, who pulled the ball down from under the crossbar, saved the situation.

The smaller CAA side was giving a good account of itself in defence and the powerful KMB side was unable to turn their clever outfield play into goals.

CAA had several possible chances to score, but hasty shooting by the forwards saw all the chances wasted. KMB kept trying to force the pace down the right wing only to find that the good work of Szeto Man and Szeto Yui was countered by Lee Kam-koon.

The interval saw the score sheet still blank, but it was only a last minute flying save by Tam Kwok-luen that kept it so.

It was obvious from the start of the second half that the Busmen were determined to make a special effort to get into the lead, and with only nine minutes gone they had chalked up two goals. Both of these were scored by Lee Tai-fai and were the result of some very good combined play by the wing-halves and forwards.

As soon as the goals were scored the CAA challenge vanished and they became a side of loose ends, although in fairness this was probably due to a combination of KMB success and injuries in the Athletic forward line.

Play deteriorated as the minutes ticked away and two late goals for KMB—scored by Szeto Man and Tang Yui-kit—only served to emphasise the difference in standard of the two teams.

For CAA, Tam Kwok-luen, Lee Kam-koon and Leung Lam are worthy of special mention as they kept trying right to the bitter end. Some of the others throw in the sponge as soon as KMB got into the lead and thereafter offered little opposition.

During the game the Police forwards had the misfortune to see scoring shots cannon back off the post and the crossbar, and in the second half Au Chi-yin was most unfortunate to see a header that had beaten the goalkeeper cleared off the line by a desperate defender.

There is no doubt that Kitchee was the cleverer footballing side, but they took far too much for granted and their single goal lead at the interval was more than flattering.

The Police had most of the play in the second half and it was no surprise when Au Chi-yin scored the equaliser with an accurate header. At this stage in the game it seemed that the Kitchee players were going to pieces but, after several strong Police raids, slackness in the Busmen's rear lines let Hau Ching-to through to notch the winning goal.

The Police strength came from their powerful half-back line of Hughes, Lai Wai and Wakefield. By well-timed interventions this trio broke up many dangerous Kitchee attacks and while Wakefield was the defensive stalwart, Hughes was much better when his side was on the attack. Lai Wai did a grand job of shadowing King Lok-sung and, the centre-forward, who was injured in the first half, never looked very dangerous.

In the forward line Au Chi-yin and most were the most formidable men, although Tam Wah did many clever things, but was unlucky with a grand shot that hit the crossbar with the goalkeeper well beaten.

In a Kitchee team that never rose above the very ordinary top marks go to goalkeeper Chung Koon-ling for his many fine saves, and to him, more than any other, goes the credit for Kitchee's two points. Chan Fai-hung and Chow Man-chi were the best half-backs for the Kam-hung never really settled down to the wing half position and in the second half, he switched positions with Chow Man-chi.

Hau Ching-to was the most dangerous forward, but several times he rather surprisingly tried to use his right foot to cut the ball across the goal, and each time he only succeeded in sending the ball very wide of the goal. Ho King-fun was the best of the other forwards, although Leung Wing-kwong took his first-half goal very smartly.

VERDICT: Police were definitely unlucky to drop both points in this game, but they must develop more punch forward if they are to reap the full benefit of good approach work. Kitchee look their chances—and the points—but it was Chung Koon-ling who took the honours. A good, entertaining game.

THE TEAMS  
Police: Tsang Kai-wing; Leung Wing-fai; Leung Kuen-fai; Hughes, Lai Wai, Wakefield; Tam Ching-kei; Moir, Au Chi-yin; Lo Shu-lun; Tang Wah.  
Kitchee: Chung Koon-ling; Lee Ping-chiu; Louis C. Ping; Chan Fai-hung; Chow Man-chi; Tam Ching-kei; Leung Wing-kwong; Ho King-fun; King Lok-sung; Chu Wing-kwong; Hau Ching-to.

## Malaya's Team For Glasgow Tournament

Penang, Jan. 31.

The Badminton Association of Malaya tonight picked Singapore's Ong Poh Lim, former French and Irish singles champion, and Penang's Ooi Tien-chek, and Penang's Ooi Tien-chek, as Malaya's two-man team to the Glasgow world invitation tournament next month.

After the tournament, to be held from March 10 to 13, Ong and Ooi will compete in the All-England championships from March 17 to 20 and the United States open championships from April 7 to 11. They will leave Malaya on March 11 and return at the end of April.

The team also decided to invite Eddie Chong, the All-England champion and a London law student, to represent Malaya in her defence of the Thomas Cup in 1955.

Today's meeting, held in Penang, fixed June 3 and 4, 1955, for the challenge round to be played in Singapore. Dates for the preceding inter-zone ties were fixed for May 20 and 21 and May 27 and 28.

David Chong, a Cambridge law student, was reappointed Malaya's delegate to the annual general meeting of the International Badminton Federation to be held in London in June.

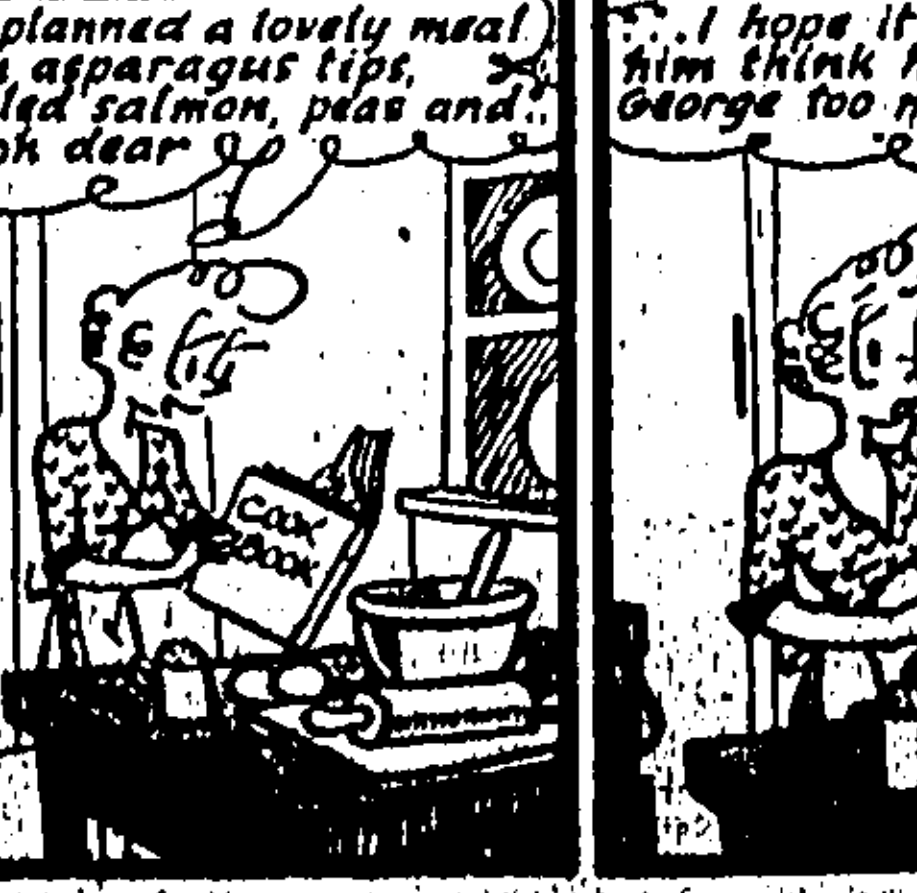
It was also decided to open the future Malayan championships as from this year to all amateur players of national or international affiliations affiliated to the International Badminton Federation. —Ruter.

## THE GAMBOLS

By Barry Appleby



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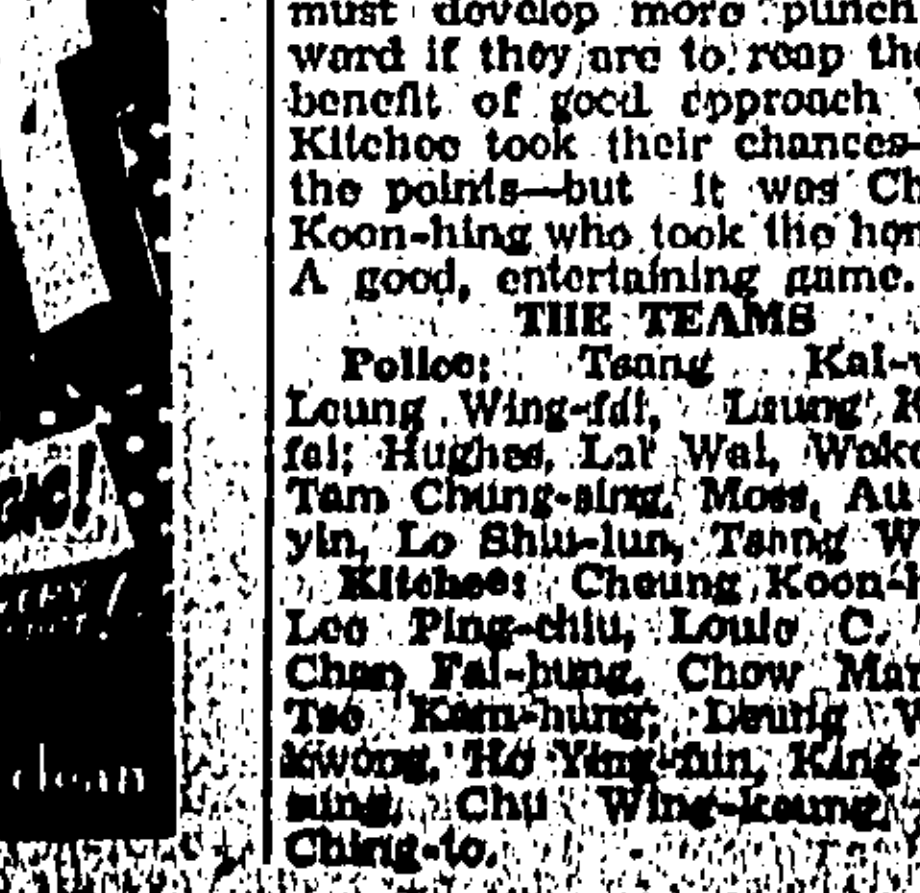
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# SAINTS GO DOWN 6-3 TO THE USS ORCA'S HITTING SPREE IN LEAGUE GAME

By "SNOOPER"

If Jindoo Hussain's Saints had the do-or-die characteristics in defence that they revealed in their bold infield defensive display against Ed Carvalho's champion Braves, they would not have gone down to Bill Williams' slugging Orca outfit by 6-3 yesterday.

The Orca-Saints tussle, which was officially announced by "Doc" Molthen, the Commissioner of Softball, before plate-ump Don Robbins called "Play-Ball," as a League game, produced first class softball and the many fans who turned out at King's Park were once again treated to the slugging prowess of Orca's third baseman Bill Williams and Saints' shortstop Dave Leonard.

Williams stopped pitcher Pedruco's ball to deep right field, well over the fence, in the first inning. Leonard added spice by clubbing one deep to centre field for a three-bagger. In the Orca hitting spree, Williams, Ralph Kvidera, and Roy Kingsbury scored two runs apiece while Willie Mayes, Ray Williamson, and Donald Chambers had singles. For the Saints, Leonard, Art Ozorio, and Benny Ornan moved the lead men in the batting department. The Saints lost 1-3 in their second reversal to date — and worthily too, because they had so little spirit around them. Infielders after a slim 3-2 lead at the close of the fourth inning.

They were so badly out of sync in hitting that the Orca batters seized this opportunity to tally four runs in the fifth and seventh frames to put the game on ice. Four vital errors were committed by the Saints' infielders yesterday.

It appeared at the start that for a tussle, battle and they were playing magnificently for three innings. The Saints revealed some neat constructive fielding moves although they could not match the Orca for hitting.

## ONE COSTLY ERROR

Oddly, the Orca's chance came from a mistake that error was charged to catcher Ignar Erickson who tumbled a throw-in to permit Donald Chambers to cross the plate. Williams followed up with another run on Will Mayes' display at third. The Saints' defeat at this stage was almost a foregone conclusion. The whole team lacked fire and finish.

## Fred Haas Wins Thunderbird Invitational

Palm Springs, Calif., Jan. 31.

Sinewy Fred Haas, Jr., the cross-handed putting wizard from New Orleans, finished with a birdie, par and eagle to win the \$15,000 Thunderbird Invitational Golf Tournament today with a record-shattering 20-under-par 268 for the 72 holes.

Haas, who had a 65 the first day of the tournament, compared with Bo Wininger, 61, pulled into a tie with Wininger yesterday and then shot some of the greatest golf of his career to nail down first prize money of \$2,000. It was his first tournament victory since he won the Long Beach Open in 1950.

His score gave him a two-stroke lead at the end over Wininger, of Oklahoma City, who had led for three days but finished with a 270 total in a three-way tie for second place with Chandler Harper of Wilmington, Delaware, and Marty Furgol of Lemont, Illinois.

It was a great field of golfers that Haas whipped. It had the best of them all in Ben Hogan, who finished four strokes back with a 272. It had Byron Nelson, a few years ago the No. 1 man. There were also Lloyd Mangrum, Lew Worsham, Jimmy Demaret and all the rest.

In with a 271 came Johnny Palmer, of Charlotte, North Carolina, and T. Ford of Harrison, New York, while behind Hogan at 273 came Dr. Cary Middlecott.

Gene Littler of Palm Springs, the former National Amateur Champion, had a score of 275 — United Press.

## JOHN LANDY'S INJURY NOT SERIOUS

Melbourne, Jan. 31. Landy, Australia's champion miler who has been suffering from an injured ankle, expects to resume training by Wednesday. He withdrew from the Victorian Championships yesterday because of the injury. An X-ray has shown that no bones are broken and the injury has been diagnosed as a damaged ankle tendon. Landy will not compete again before the Australian Championships at Sydney on February 12.—Reuter.

Three other teams had an interest in this crucial Orca-Saints tilt. Managers of the Chinese Athletic Association, Pandas and the Braves were jockeying at the Saints' setback for this takes them to within close range of the Saints in the race for the Senior "A" Pennant.

But it needed the aid of the supporters of the Braves, the Pandas and the Chinese Athletic Association, a lot of determination and the acrobatics of the Saints' defence to extract a full point for the Orca yesterday. Perhaps, it was one of those days for the Saints' infielders when a good thing went wrong and all but things went right.

As to Bill Williams, he can be well satisfied with the performance of his colleagues. The Orca batters did not play like a desperate team in danger of defeat although the vision of losing the game, when the Saints took a 3-2 lead at the end of the fourth, awakened them to reality.

That the Saints succeeded in finishing effectively can be attributed to sound and cool play. Pitcher Ray Williamson never relaxed in the seven innings, and yielded only three hits in the course of the game.

It was an interesting game which contained plenty of good action. The Saints' all-out assault in the initial inning raised prospects of more thrills to come and the eager onlookers were not disappointed. Hardly was Bill Williams' one-over-the-fence performance over when the Saints' heavy slugger came into action and shortstop Dave Leonard demonstrated one of his picture-book hits to centre field which was a great delight to watch. The Saints took a 2-1 lead at the close of play.

**EXCELLENT FASHION**  
The sailors continued to play in excellent fashion in the ball game 2-2 through Ray Williamson who crossed the plate on shortstop Kingsbury's hit. The Saints then showed urgency and confident purpose in the third frame to regain their lead. Meme Xavier's sacrifice fly to centre scored Ignar Erickson for the Saints' lone run in this inning.

Pitchers Williamson of the Orca and Pedruco of the Saints gave impressive displays in the next two innings to hold down their respective batters, but in the fifth, the Saints failed to maintain their early dominance. In the sixth, the first batter, Pedroco, some trouble and he was soon followed by Williams. In one of the rugged Saints' infield displays, both Chambers and Williams scored to bring the Orca up to 4-3.

The Saints were given an excellent chance to score in this inning, but when they showed no interest, Williamson held them scoreless when Showboat Ali, last batter up, flied out after Arturo Ozorio had stolen third. In the seventh, the Orca raced to score two more runs for 6-3 to put the issue beyond doubt. Chambers and Williams were responsible for the Orca runs. The Saints fought desperately but no progress was made by Sherry Bucks, Ray Aldagaur, Ignar Erickson and Joaquin Colloca in their final turn at bat.

If the Orca batters could keep the Saints from showing in beating the Braves and the Saints, they stand an excellent chance of defeating Frank Poon's Chinese Athletic Association next Sunday in their farewell League performance. The sailors are understood to be leaving the Colony after next week-end's games.

The teams: — USS Orca: Pitcher — Ray Williamson; Catcher — Ralph Kvidera; 1st baseman — Bill Stiel; 2nd baseman — Willie Mayes; 3rd baseman — Bill Williams; Shortstop — Roy Kingsbury; Left-fielder — Donald Chambers; Centre-fielder — Leroy Zimmerman; Right-fielder — Jim Linville. — Saints: Pitcher — Vic Pedruco; Catcher — Ignar Erickson; 1st baseman — Ray Aldagaur; 2nd baseman — Arturo Ozorio, Sherry Bucks; 3rd baseman — Benny Ornan; Shortstop — Dave Leonard; Left-fielder — Meme Xavier; Centre-fielder — Showboat Ali; Right-fielder — Bucks, Joaquin Colloca.

**MUCH-IMPROVED WAHOOS**  
Virgil Ribero's, Wahoes, "B" almost took revenge for the trouncing inflicted on them by Pearl Chan's Pandas in the return game yesterday. There was improved handling and more determination in the Wahoes' team and two changes in the outfield. Mike Botus and

There's Roza Pereira, deputising for Marie Camille Barrios and Angelina D'Aguiro, did not weaken them.

The Pandas won by a close 8-7 margin in a thrill-packed tussle, the feature of which was the brilliance of pitcher Evelyn Alonzo and shortstop Yolanda Silva.

The Wahoes "B" worked hard from the very start and, after trailing 3-4 at the close of the third frame, matched the lead for the first time at 7-5 with a three-run surge in the fourth. Shaken by the inspired display of their opponents, Pearl Chan and her colleagues did not appear to fully recover from this shock but were undoubtedly in a mood for victory to figure in the Playoff Series against the Wahoes "A" and the Celceans.

The Pandas then settled down to serious business in the fifth and their achievement—scoring two runs in the fifth and a run in the sixth—was all the more noteworthy in the face of the fine all-around Wahoes' performance yesterday.

Yolanda Silva was once again in good batting form and her single hit yesterday increased her chances for the Ladies' Batting Championship. The Pandas scored two hits off pitcher Alonzo while Pearl Chan fielded six hits. The Wahoes batted splendidly in the fourth, connecting three times.

A major upset was caused in the Junior League when the Pandas upset the hitherto unbeaten Chinese Athletic Association first team by 7-5. Winning pitcher was Clyde Kwok.

The victory was well-earned. The Pandas, after being held scoreless for four innings, staged a magnificent rally to tally seven runs in the fifth and sixth to shatter the CAA unbeaten record.

The CAA second team trimmed the Celceans 11-6 in an exciting finish in the second game of the afternoon.

In the only Senior "B" game, Jimmy Herricks' Pandas accounted for the Hongkong University by 10-11. The Pandas were the better team and capitalised on the fielding lapses of the undergraduates to pile up a huge 13-run score in two innings of play. No fewer than six runs were scored in the second and seven runs were recorded in the third inning.

The winless Hongkong University, on yesterday's showing, displayed pluck and with more practice should succeed in scoring their maiden win in the later stages of the League.

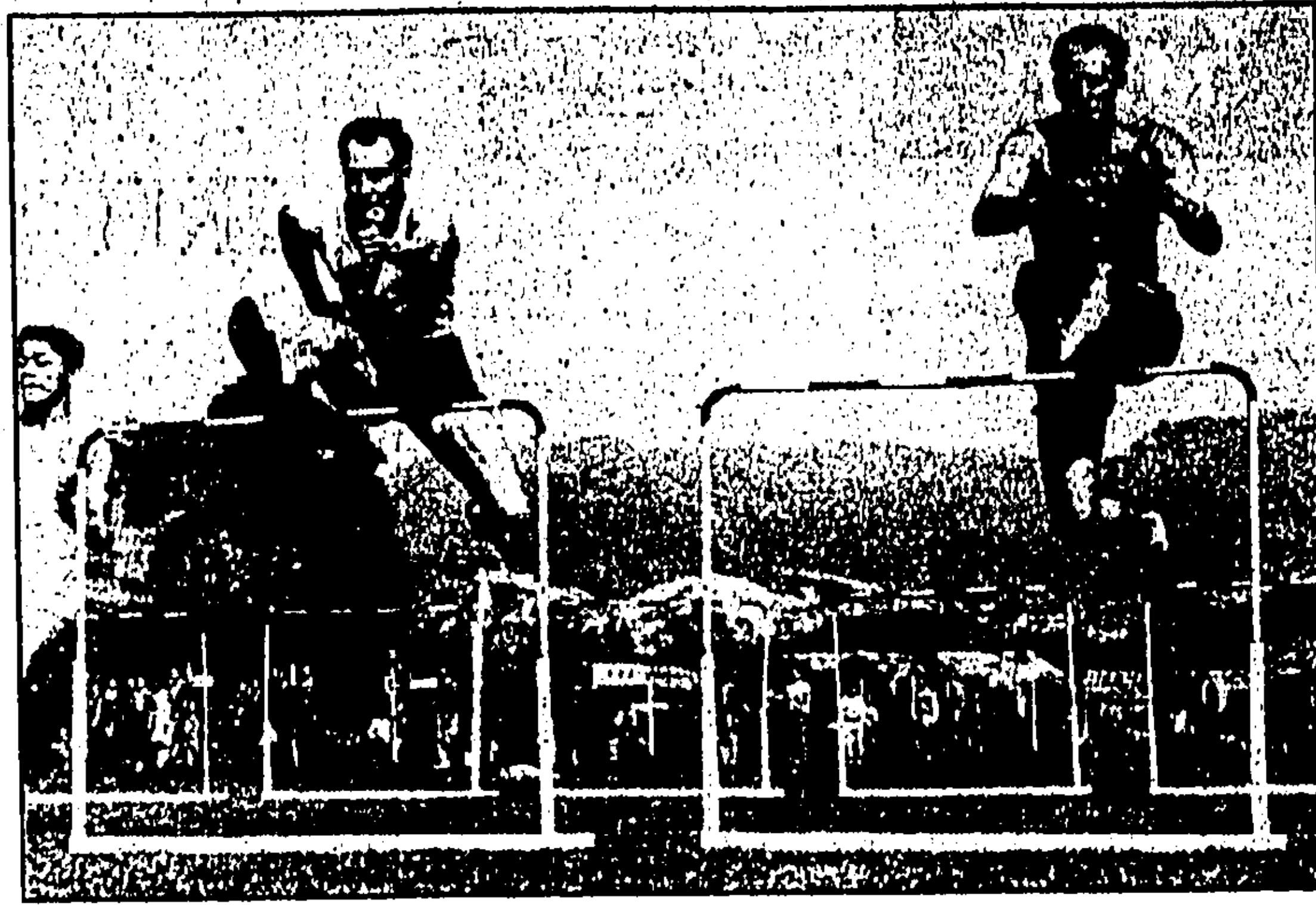
## Cockell Beats Johnny Arthur

Johannesburg, Jan. 30. Don Cockell, the British and Empire heavyweight boxing champion, retained the Empire title tonight when he outpointed South Africa's title-holder Johnny Arthur over 15 rounds in an open-air fight at the Rand Stadium here.

Cockell was six inches shorter and 16½ lb. lighter at 210 lb. Arthur took a short count in the 14th round. Twice in one round Arthur was warned for using his head, and Cockell was warned to keep his punches higher in the 13th after he had protested that Arthur was holding.

Round four saw Cockell land a left hook to the jaw before Arthur's jaw. Arthur was outboxed in the fighting after forcing the champion to a corner in round five, and then in the sixth a flurry of in-fighting saw Cockell score twice with left hook.

## ONE OF THE CLOSEST



One of the closest races at Boundary Street yesterday was the 120 Yards High Hurdles, won by the Colony Champion, Capt. J. E. Mulvaney (left) from Capt. R. A. F. S. Reep in an inches finish.—China Mail Photo.

## Scotland And Wales Hold The Spotlight In The International Series

By "PAK LO"

On Saturday afternoon at Boundary Street, England drew with the Commonwealth 6 points (2 penalty goals) to 6 points (1 penalty goal, 1 try) in the final of the local International series but the more exciting game was that between Scotland and Wales which preceded the main game.

Scotland narrowly triumphed by 9 points (3 tries) to 8 points (1 goal, 1 try). Prior to this there was a friendly between the Police and the A.A. Workshops, REME which—a rather scrappy game—the REME won by 6 points to 3.

In the main event the Commonwealth kicked off and attacked to the English 25, but there the ball went loose, and England found touch back on the half way line. Play became a little ragged for some time, but it was obvious that the English side were greatly superior in the forwards in both the line outs and the set and loose scrums. However, this was amply compensated for by the English three, whose passing was of a very low order. And they got together a little more they could have won; for they certainly got every chance.

Some good kicking by Smith took the ball almost to the Commonwealth line, and there was a line out which England won and the three got away in quite a good move, but a good tackle by Barclay saved the day. Although England won the resulting scrum, their scrappy passing let the Commonwealth clear upfield. The Commonwealth now attacked with the ball at their feet, but just as they looked dangerous one of their number was offside, and the play returned to midfield.

As play moved into the Commonwealth half England were given a penalty for barging in the line out about 35 yards out, and Smith took the long kick and placed the ball neatly between the posts to give England the lead by 3 points.

England were given another chance a few minutes later when, just inside the Commonwealth half, they were awarded a penalty for offside, but Smith's kick dropped just short. The Commonwealth then returned to the attack, and taking the ball at their feet, almost scored. But the ball bounced the wrong way and England were able to touch down.

The Commonwealth kept up the pressure, but Milden, who played exceedingly well throughout, cleared with a nice kick and play returned to the Commonwealth half.

A minute later and England were given another chance when a scrum was broken off, but Smith missed the kick. Again, England were given another chance, this time on the Commonwealth 25, and Smith succeeded as the half time whistle went.

## SECOND HALF

So far the play had been fairly scrappy, but England fully deserved their six-point lead as their forwards, with one glaring exception, were really first class, with Wilkins and Douglas being the finest two forwards on the field.

The English three had a day off. Their passing was terrible and their catching of passes not much better. The Commonwealth three on the other hand looked good. Due to the superiority of the English pack they got very few chances to show their pace, but they went hard and their tackling was good. Barclay at full back was outstanding, and certainly kept the score down in the first half.

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chance, but his kick just missed the posts. A few seconds later England were awarded another penalty inside the Commonwealth half, but Smith's kick was neatly gathered by Barclay who with a very long kick found touch on the English 10-yard line.

By this time the England side were beginning to tire, and Rymme, getting the ball in the line out forced his way over the line. Noonan just failed to make the long distance with his kick 8-3.

England returned to the attack and sent their three away but they kicked ahead and Barclay gathered and cleared to the half way line. The first line out was succeeded by another about 10 yards inside and England were penalised for barging in the line out. Noonan took the kick and scored to level the scores at 6-6.

The remainder of the game was kept mainly in the English half of the field, but some good tackling kept the Commonwealth at bay. England never looked like scoring at this point and the Commonwealth were robbed of a loose man infringement, but Craig's kick just missed. Another three moves by Scotland failed just as the half time whistle went.

This had been one of the most exciting games seen in the Colony this season and Scotland deserved their one point lead, as Downe had heeled so well that Scotland won twice as many set scrums as Wales. In the line outs the packs were equal, but the Scottish three were better once they got under way, and were much faster than the Welsh three.

wide, making the score 6-5, and this after only ten minutes play!!

Wales then reversed the process and nearly scored in the corner, but a good foot rush by the Scottish forwards cleared the play upfield.

Wales kept up the pressure for a while, and then Scotland looked like scoring when Ross was sent away from a line out, but his pass inside was knocked forward, and Wales cleared, only to have the Scottish forwards bring the ball back down to the 10-yard line, but there was a scrum there which Wales won, clearing the ball back to the half way line.

Scotland looked like scoring again when Turville went off on a terrifically fast run, but he out-distanced his own three and when tackled had no one to pass to and the ball went into touch.

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**JUST AS EXCITING**  
The second half was just as exciting as the first although there was not so much scoring. Both sides attacked with gusto and Wales were having the better of the game when they scored their next try. This really started from a foot rush by the Scottish forwards to the half way line, where Wales got the ball. After some scrappy passing, the ball went to Griffiths who ran and crossed the line in the corner.

Hoskins missed the long kick, thus giving Wales a two-point lead with the score standing at 6-8. Shortly after this Hoskins missed a long penalty kick.

Scotland returned to the attack, and Craig took the ball on the blind side for some 60 yards to the Welsh 25, but the ball, going loose, was sent back to the half way line, where Kirkwood took it and ran before passing to his three. Off they went until Turville kicked ahead, but Hoskins, who caught the kick, was caught in possession and Moore took the ball across the line with a nice dribble. Davidson missed the short kick.

Wales attacked as the game neared its closing stages, but good tackling by the Scottish forwards saved the day. All in all a really wonderful game and it is very hard to pick out anyone for particular mention, though Ross and Craig played the best game they have this season, and Turville in the backs was also very good. The game was well supported by Kirkwood.

## ARSENAL KNOCKED OUT OF FA CUP COMPETITION

London, Jan. 30.

The fourth round Football Association Cup ties—16 of them—dominated English soccer today and the biggest surprise of the programme was the home defeat of mighty Arsenal by third division Norwich City.

Altogether six games will have to be replayed, following drawn matches today, but the last of the non-League clubs, Hendington United, have no further interest. Gallant as was their home display, against last year's losing finalists, they had to admit defeat in the heaviest scoring match of this round.

Blackpool, holders of the trophy drew away to West Ham while Ipswich Town, third division south league leaders, knocked out second division Birmingham.

Port Vale, where wonderful defence has had so much to do with putting them at the top of the northern football table, also got through scoring twice on Cardiff's ground without conceding a goal.

Arsenal were battered out of their game by the hard tackling Norwich team, who survived better from an incident which led to a player of each side being sent off. Conditions of the ground, frozen hard, levelled the teams and two goals from centre-forward Tom Johnston, who played with a strap-wrist, put Norwich in the cup team Chesterfield, who held League One Sheffield Wednesday to a goalless draw — on the Sheffield team's own ground. Only some grand work by the Sheffield goalkeeper prevented Chesterfield from winning.

West Bromwich Albion, still going strong for the League and Cup double, had the easiest win of the round, scoring four times without reply and again proving themselves with few if any, equals on a hard ground.

Newcastle might have beaten Burnley had Mitchell not missed a penalty, but they did the next best thing by drawing and to bringing Burnley to Newcastle for the replay.

Another missed penalty was by Whittle for Lincoln who might have made Preston fight harder. Preston's second goal was Wayman's 100th for the club.

Tottenham Hotspurs are another of four First Division teams definitely in the fifth round, but they left it late against Manchester City. Bennett scoring their only goal 15 minutes from the end.

Blackburn were even later in forcing a draw, with visiting Hull, the equaliser coming seven minutes from the finish.

## BONE HARD GROUNDS

Most of today's ties were played on bone hard grounds, making good football difficult, but most players overcame the difficulties well to provide plenty of excitement for the crowds, who braved wintry winds and biting cold to follow their favourites. But injuries were more frequent than usual, when players fall on the hard ground and trainers are promised a busy time getting men fit for the replays.

Owing to the Cup round, there were no League One matches and only one League Two game, while several of the Third Division matches were postponed owing to ground conditions.

Hartlepool gained their first away win of the season while York had a recent successful run checked by Rochdale.

In the South, Coventry broke a sequence of eight games without a win by succeeding on Queen's Park Rangers ground, but none of the other games was marked by any noteworthy incident, nor did they materially affect League positions.

Bury should have beaten Brentford in the only League Two game, but Daniel, who scored once from a penalty, missed when taking another spot kick.

Only two draws appeared in the Scottish Cup first round games, in which an outstanding result was Queen of the South's win at East Fife.

Centre-forward Brown scored all three goals. Motherwell, leaders in the "D" Division of the League, were also good winners away from home, Altkirkhead and Stirling scoring for them after Telfer, St Mirren's centre half, had scored his nowadays customary goal.

Hibernian had a narrow escape losing an early lead, when a penalty was given against them, and it was Woodcock, a St Johnston's back, who put through his own goal and won Hibernian the match.

Glasgow's two chief games were won by the home sides, Rangers, who always dominated the Queen's Park amateurs, and Partick.

Faithburgh and Leith had a rare tussle before the home side got through by the odd goal of mine, while Berwick Rangers thrashed East Stirling by the day's biggest score—seven goals.

Fourteen winners in this round join 18 clubs, who drew eyes in the draw for round two on Monday.—Reuter.

## DATES FOR REPLAYS

London, Jan. 30.

The six Football Association Cup fourth round matches drawn to-day will be replayed next week as follows:

Tuesday, February 2: — Leicester v Stoke City. Wednesday, February 3: — Blackpool v West Ham, Chesterfield v Sheffield W, Newcastle v Portsmouth, v Southport.

Thursday, February 4: — Hull v Blackburn.

The Scottish Cup first round match between Third Lanark and Stenhousemuir, drawn to-day, will be replayed at Stenhousemuir next Wednesday, February 3. The date of the Hamilton Academicals v Inverness Thistle replay is not yet known.—Reuter.

## NOTICE

### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the 7th Race Meeting 1954/55 to be held on Saturday 18th February, 1954, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

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HONGKONG KOWLOON









Richard Attenborough and his actress wife Sheila Sim, with their 3 1/2-year-old son Michael, saying good-bye to Mrs. Sim, when she left Waterloo Station this morning on her way to Bermuda.—Central Press.

HE EATS FISH, HONEY, BIRDS, EGGS, BREAD AND PEAS

## He Is Grey, 10 Inches Long, With A 9-Inch Tail And He's Britain's Curse

London, Jan. 28.

Britain has declared war on a legion of tiny North Americans which is creating havoc throughout the countryside and causing serious damage to crops.

Fortunately for the accord of the two great English-speaking democracies, the trans-Atlantic invaders are not human. But their activities are exceedingly unwelcome.

The menace consists of thousands of grey squirrels, ten inches long, with an added nine inches of tail.

Since their introduction here about 60 years ago, by incautious landowners who wanted to make their estates more attractive, they have flourished in ill-doing. They have also multiplied so much that they are now officially branded "a most serious pest."

In time, unless checked, they might rival the unpopularity of the rabbits which were taken to Australia from this country many years ago, and are today one of Australia's biggest problems.

The grey squirrels are handsome fellows, so engaging in their ways that many people are reluctant to shoot them. Given a little encouragement, they will perch on the wayfarer's shoulder, and trustingly accept nuts from his hand.

But Britain's Forestry Commission is steeling its heart against sentiment, and has issued a pamphlet setting out a plan of campaign against this furry enemy.

Here are some of the charges brought against the grey squirrel:

He damages woodlands, stripping the bark off trees and snipping off shoots and buds to make a nest for his young. He has a weakness for hardwoods, singling out the most promising trees once they have attained sufficient size. He is very susceptible to sycamore trees, nearly as fond of beech, occasionally attacks oak, ash and birch, and very occasionally larch and Scots pine.

### Eliminate Them

Ranging over most of England, Wales and Central Scotland, the grey squirrels sometimes damage sycamores so badly that the tree cannot be regarded as an economic crop.

But it is no cure to remove the sycamores. The squirrels will probably transfer their attentions to other trees. So the only remedy is to eliminate the squirrels.

The animals are serious pests, also for orchard, garden and farm crops, and they destroy the eggs of game birds.

The Forestry Commission, in its pamphlet, suggests two reasons why the grey squirrels may have sprung into prominence as a forest pest. First, there are far more now than 10 years ago, and they are spread over a much larger area of the country.

Second, it is only in recent years that really extensive damage to growing crops of beech, sycamore and other broad-leaved trees has been reported from widely-separated districts.

Because the threat is comparatively recent, many estate owners and gamekeepers do not know the best way of fighting it.

### Better Reputation

In North America, the continent of its origin, the grey squirrel has a better reputation, and is even encouraged as a pest. But this may be because it has many natural enemies who keep its numbers down, and

severely limit its tree-biting and crop-devouring activities.

Britain has no squirrel-haters such as the American skunk, and only a few specialisms of the pine marten—stores and weasels may do their best to enrich their larders from the squirrel population, but the grey hordes still flourish.

There is another charge against them. They are gradually causing the disappearance of Britain's own red squirrel.

The two species are seldom found on the same ground. Wherever it colonises, fresh woodlands, the more powerful grey squirrel rapidly replaces the red one.

In most parts of the country, the red squirrel is now scarce, and the Forestry Commission says, it may even merit protection as an interesting member of the British fauna.

### Large Appetite

Meanwhile, the grey squirrel is steadily eating his way through:

Acorns, ash keys, beech nuts, sweet chestnuts, walnuts, horse chestnuts, sycamore, hornbeam, elm, pine and larch seed;

Buds and shoots of forest trees;

Bark and sap of sycamore, beech, ash, oak, maple, walnut, horse chestnut, birch, lime, apple, cherry, pine and larch trees;

Grain of all kinds; Bread, peas and beans; Woodland fungi, crocus, corns, bluebell, bulbs and oak galls;

Bird's eggs of all kinds; Nestling birds; Carrion, such as dead rabbits; Fish; and Honey.

The authorities consider that Britain's woodlands and crop fields, orchards and plantations can no longer support a murmur with such luxurious tastes, however attractive his appearance.

Measures being taken to control his numbers include shooting, destruction of the nests and young, and trapping. Exterminating the young is important, for a pair of squirrels may produce up to eight or ten offspring in a year.

In many districts, voluntary Squirrel Clubs have been formed, under the auspices of the County, Pests Officer or local Agricultural Executive Committee. Members are permitted to shoot grey squirrels on a particular estate.

The Forestry Commission is encouraging woodland owners to support and encourage these clubs, and thereby to help to put a time limit on the life of the diminutive invader.

As an added incentive, the Commission has introduced a bonus scheme, which offers a bonus of 10s. for each squirrel killed, and 2s. for each nest destroyed.

## East Berlin's Facade Of Prosperity

### NO MONEY TO BUY LUXURIES

This article written by a special correspondent in Berlin tells not only how the East Germans have "dressed up" their zone of the city for the Foreign Ministers' Conference now in progress, but how the Russians are granting a small measure of freedom to the East Germans in the administration of their own country.

The correspondent points out these three facts which have emerged from the welter of rumours coming with refugees from east to west:

1. East Berlin shops are being rapidly filled up with goods of all kinds;
2. The Soviet Russian administration completed recently the handing over of the 33 Soviet-owned factories to the local German administration;
3. A large scale requisitioning of houses for Russian officers' families is going on all over the Soviet zone.

It is true the correspondent says there are plenty of goods to buy, including luxuries, but few people have the money to buy them.

Some observers are willing to see in the combination of these three facts the pattern of future Soviet policy in Germany.

East Berlin itself is undoubtedly to become the showplace of the Soviet bloc, at least for the duration of the Four-Power conference. Cloth made in England, French cognac, bananas from the Lebanon and other luxuries are available in the State-owned shops.

Shop window decorators called in from Leipzig and Dresden worked overtime. "Flouton" arrangements up to 6 East marks per order are at the disposal of people wishing to send flowers to friends in Western Germany or other countries.

And the Eastern German IFA cars, which sell in Sweden under the slogan of the "cheapest car in the world" at a price of 950 dollars, are being displayed in newly decorated showrooms at a price of 12,000 East marks.

Very few people will be able to buy an IFA car for 12,000 East marks, and who could afford to pay 7.20 marks for a gallon of petrol? At the official rate the price of petrol would be 12s per gallon.

True enough, an East mark is worth just a quarter of the

official rate in the free market. Wages and salaries are paid, however, at the official rate.

Passenger car output in the Soviet zone is to rise to 11,000 units in 1954, which, if the target figure is reached, would be the equivalent of slightly more than 3 per cent of Western German output.

Other prices in the shops are similar. An orange costs 7 Pfennigs (144s a pound) of butter 10 marks (17s), a poor quality overcoat 218 marks (£19).

In contrast, wages at present are as follows:

AVERAGE GROSS EARNINGS	Mark (per mth.)
Skilled metal worker	270
Semi-skilled metal worker	250
Unskilled metal worker	210
Unskilled engine driver	210-250
Stoker	210
Office worker	210
Buyer for big business	210
Postman	210
Post office clerk	210

In the circumstances the sudden abundance in East Berlin shops recalls the prosperous villages of Count Potemkin on the occasion of the Royal Progress of his Empress. There is, however, more serious evidence of the Soviet intention to restore the shattered economy to a level where a recurrence of the outbreak of June 17 need not be feared.

Owners of private firms have been assured of 3-5 years credits at a rate of interest of 5 per cent. Depreciation allowances have been restored in a recent decree, reading: "Private manufacturers and firms in the building trade and in transport business are entitled to write off 25 per cent of their gross profits for capital expenditure and capital replacement and the income-tax is to be assessed from the remaining profits."

Wages of all skilled workers who have not received a rise during 1952 have been raised by 5 per cent.

In future excise and trade taxes are to be collected from factories rather than the State trading network. This is said, while enabling retailers to sell to private retailers instead of forcing them to buy from the State-owned wholesale network, as has been the case for the last 18 months.

### RETAILER'S MARGIN

A trading margin of between 25-35 per cent has been fixed which, after taxes, excise, etc., have been deducted, will leave private retailers about 8-10 per cent of their turnover, as against a bare 4-5 per cent before the June outbreak.

Another sign of the switch-over is the high percentage of consumer goods in the recent trade agreements. In the agreement with France \$500,000 have been reserved for fruit, \$300,000 for wine and cognac. In the agreement with Greece, 8,000 crates of oranges and \$300,000 worth of grapes have been mentioned. Food accounts for 60 per cent of the Swedish imports.

Regulation of houses for Russian officers' families started a few weeks ago. This arrival of Russian families certainly does not indicate an early intention of military withdrawal. At the same time, however, the German administration has a free hand in the East, mainly in the economic field. They have now begun to build up their own

### May Take More Japanese Goods

Melbourne, Feb. 1.—The Australian Government is considering greater easing of import restrictions on Japanese goods to increase Australia-Japan trade, according to Angus Canberra correspondent.

The correspondent said a Japanese Embassy official told him there had been "no concrete approach" to Australia for any trade pact, but a memorandum had been submitted seeking easing of import restrictions to allow in more Japanese goods including textiles, crockery and toys.

The official said Japan knew there were big markets in Australia for Japanese goods and that Australian importers were willing to take more Japanese goods.

Imports of Japanese goods would allow Japan to buy more wool and other Australian exports, he added.

—China Mail Special.

### "No-Coffee Week" In America

New York, Jan. 31.

American coffee drinkers were aroused by booming prices today.

"No-coffee week" and "Coffeeless Wednesday" were slogans bravely tossed out by a few Congressmen. In Rhode Island restaurants boycotted coffee and urged patrons to drink tea, milk or water instead. Scandinavians in Racine, Wisconsin called for leadership. Housewives in South California demanded "action." Columnists prescribed tea—with some discussion as to the "best" type.

But coffee men didn't think the protests would hold up to any real consumer resistance to the coffee price now hovering toward \$1.25 a pound. The National Coffee Association pointed to the record: There was much public outcry right after the war when the price went to 60 cents and ever greater complaints when it went to 75 cents later—but no consumer boycott.

There was a real consumer boycott of coffee, they surely would have to be some price adjustment," the coffee traders said.

### 16 LBS A YEAR

Americans drink over 16 pounds of coffee a year per person. That amounted to 2,000,000,000 pounds in 1951 at a cost of \$1,361,000,000 to import.

In 1949, when imports were actually greater—2,023,000,000 pounds—it cost only \$785,000,000 to bring in the prized beans.

Brazil supplies 75 per cent of US coffee demands. This demand is up more than two pounds per capita since the 1935-39 average of 14 pounds per person a year.

World demand is soaring constantly. Last July a heavy frost hit the major coffee producing areas. The damage won't be made up for at least 18 months—and Brazil has no big stocks on hand to carry through.

US resentment for coffee prices is based largely on memories of Brazilian burning and dumping of coffee stocks to keep up the price. Buyers blame speculators and investors for bidding up the price of green coffee beans to all-time peaks in the present crisis.—United Press.

### World Could Absorb Iranian Oil

New York, Jan. 31.—World markets would be able to absorb any restored flow of oil from Iran, President of Security Council, Mr. H. H. Bennett, said today.

"I expect that when and if Iranian production does come back it will be readily absorbed by the world market," he said. When refining at Abadan ended the production from other Middle East countries was pushed very hard and increased rapidly.

Other oil-producing nations might welcome a demand for oil expansion in order to consolidate their position, Mr. Bennett suggested.

## All-Round Gains On London Stock Exchange

(From Our Correspondent)

London, Jan. 31.

The London Stock Exchange closed firm last week with most sections moving quietly upwards despite the numerous unsettled wage claims. Gilt-edged issues joined the general advance with fractional rises while a good turnover was reported in Dominion and Colonial loans.

Industrials drew strength from continued good company results and indications that the policy of granting moderate dividend increases when warranted is becoming more general.

Foreign bonds were active, helped by the Berlin Conference.

Over the week, Berlin 6 p.c. bonds rose £10 to £70 on persistent buying in a narrow market on suggestions that a loan will come into the German debt scheme.

Other German issues remained firm, reflecting investors' appreciation of Germany's rapid economic recovery.

Potash bonds however dropped by up to 24 because of switching into other foreign bonds—even before the announcement that debtors cannot reach agreement in borrowing last August's offer which was rejected by the trustee and paying agent because it did not conform to requirements of German debt settlement.

### JAP BONDS ACTIVE

Iron curtain issues showed useful gains following the news of trade talks with Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Rumania.

Hungarian 4 1/2 p.c. bonds rose 2 1/2 to 2 3/4; Czech 6 p.c. bonds gained 2 1/2 to £20 and Polish 4 1/2 p.c. bonds £1-10-0 to £20.

Greek issues were active with the seven p.c. bonds rising £2-10-0 to £20.

Japanese bonds firmed up to £2-0-0, the news of a new Anglo-Japanese trade agreement, growing realisation of high yields offered and the fact that the bonds offer a good hedge against possible recession in Lancashire.

Shipping shares attracted steady support, with P & O gaining six shillings over the week, Donaldson Line, 7/6.

### KAFFIRS FIRM

Mappin and Webb rose four shillings to 53/-; Totals jumped 8/3 to 88/0.

Textiles closed on an irregular note.

Oils were favoured, Anglo-Iranian crossing the 20 mark, their highest since 1949.

Kaffirs after easing on profit taking following last week's burst of activity closed firmly. Investors were interested in this section in view of the continued good news from the Orange Free State mines. Suggestions that mines will also be producing substantial quantities of uranium towards the year's end added encouragement.

Limited interest, was shown in tin, teas and rubbers as brokers saw "little to go for" in these issues.

### U.S. Textiles

New York, Jan. 31.

A feature of the New York Textile Market during last week was a growing recognition by many selling houses and mills that their pricing situation, held unsatisfactory at the present time, could get much worse in the months to come.

Cotton mills particularly are fearful they may be caught in a squeeze between rising raw cotton values and cloth prices.

Mill grey goods prices currently are at the lowest level since August of the depression year, 1949, and sellers maintain, will have to show decided improvement to assure adequate manufacturing margins.

Sufficient resistance on the part of mills to bid prices reduced the heavy impounding of raw cotton in the government loan.

A firmer stand was taken last week on wide and numbered sole ducks because of the steady raw cotton advance. Demand for fine goods continued to lag but mills sold limited quantities of 9.00-yard lawns at 14 cents and 4.50-yard lawns at 24 cents for clarity's sake.

Trading in knit clothes was slow with some movement of second-hand knit about 10 cent below the market.

An increased number of inquiries from knit mills and other sources for knit goods was reported. Knit goods are expected to be a feature of the market.

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## NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Jan. 31.

It was a week of bullish news on the New York Stock Exchange. The steel industry furnished the principal corporate items. President Eisenhower furnished the business prediction. He said the dip in business was likely to come to end soon.

A major influence earlier in the month was a move in Congress to ease double taxation on dividends.

Bethlehem Steel doubled its dividend after directors reported record sales and earnings for the company in 1953.

In the Friday session the issue gained more than 3 points and finished the week with a rise of 4 1/2 points.

Utilities closed on Thursday at 64.13 in their average, a new high since Sept. 4, 1951. They lost part of the rise in the Friday session.

Rails had a flurry of strength on Friday and finished at their best level since last Aug. 21, up 1.82 points from the previous week.

Sales for the week totalled 9,694,565 shares, the most since the week ended April 11, 1953, when the total was 10,277,000 shares.

Average daily volume amounted to 1,939,913 shares against 1,803,520 shares last week.

At the close on Friday, the industrial average stood at 103.39, up 2.74 points on the week; railroad, 101.84, up 1.52; utility, 64.09, up 0.21; and 85 stocks 111.29, up 1.10.—United Press.

### US Cotton Market

New York, Jan. 31.

Cotton futures ran up \$1.50 to \$2.50 a bale this week in what traders described as mainly an "export market."

This was the fourth straight week of advance and immediate futures closed at their highest levels of the current movement.

The list at the close on Friday was 3 to 58 cents higher than the week before.

Nearly March showed the biggest gain, with the rise reflecting covering in anticipation of first notice day on Feb. 19. Nearby May was up 40 points to 34.20—its highest point since last Aug. 4—for a cumulative advance of \$7.25 from its mid-December seasonal low.

Strength in new crop months reflected in part the sharply higher price of 34.75 cents a pound reported on Friday by the Agricultural Department. The increase was partly discounted.

The two basic factors affecting trading this week were the continued substantial movement of cotton into the loan and heavy covering against export commitments.—United Press.

### RAW COTTON EXPORTS

New York, Jan. 31.

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## HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business on the Stock Exchange amounted to \$567,255.50. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

### SHARES BUYER SELLER SALES

BAKERS

Bank ... 1050 1070

East Asia ... 150

INSURANCES

Lombard ... 845 87

Union ... 735 7.55

SHIPPING

Waterport ... 19.90

Wharf ... 1.10

DOCKERS ETC.

K. Wharf ... 70

Providence ... 21.00

(O)

Providence ... 13.90 14 10000 14

(N)

Providence ... 13.20 13 1/2

Wheelock ... 8.20 8 1/2 1700 8 1/2

LAND ETC.

HK Hotel ... 8.85 8.95

HK Land ... 16.15 17 1/2

Humphreys ... 10.25 10 1/2 300 10 1/2

Realty ... 2.22 1/2 2.27 1/2 1100 2.22 1/2

Utilities

Tram ... 20.60 30 300 20 30 30

Star Ferry (O) ... 143 145 300 143 145

C. Light (N) ... 12.20 12 1/2 300 12 1/2 30

Electric ... 51 1/2 52 1/2 1000 51 1/2 52 1/2

MASSCO Elec. ... 30 1/2 31 1/2 400 30 1/2 31 1/2

INDUSTRIALS

Cement ... 20.70 2000 20 70

STOKES ETC.

Dery ... 27 1/2 1000 27 1/2

COTTONS

Trade Comp. ... 7.10 7 1/2 100 7 1/2 7 1/2

Rs 2 1/2 200 2 1/2

MISCELLANEOUS

Yamato ... 6 1/2

Exchange Rates

US dollar ... 1.00

US dollar ... 1.00

US dollar ... 1.00



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**Shearwater**  
**"SNORKEL"**

## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### Return Of The Hero

HE was a tousle-haired boy, and he seemed a little breathless, as though he had been brought straight into the dock at the Lambeth court from the middle of some strenuous school-playground game.

His name was Davie and, in fact, he was older than he looked. He was 17, and principally wage-earner for his family. His father was dead, his three brothers and sisters all younger than he, and his mother could not work because of a nervous complaint.

Davie had been remanded in custody after being found guilty of stealing. He had organised a raid on a junk yard by himself and a 12-year-old, and tried to sell the proceeds of the raid.

#### HIS JOB IS OPEN

NOW, as Davie came back into the dock, the probation officer rose to tell Mr H. W. Whitwick, the magistrate, about the boy.

"I've visited his home," the probation officer reported, "the father was killed in an accident some years ago, and I'm afraid the home is a very poor one."

"This boy has been earning £4 a week as a labourer. He gave his mother 30s. of that and out of the rest he has had to buy certain meals for himself."

"I think I've knocked it into his head," the probation officer went on, "that the fact that he went into his business with a younger boy makes it more serious. I've also learned that this boy's job is open for him to return to."

"Thank you," the magistrate said, and asked Davie what he had to say.

#### RELIEF

DAVIE drew himself up, and said with impressive humility: "Sir, I been in prison a week, had time to think. This is my first offence. After what I seen, I'll go straight from now on."

The magistrate nodded approvingly. "Very well," he said, and ordered Davie to be put on probation. Meekly the boy went out, contrition showing like an operation scar upon him.

A few minutes later, Davie left the court, and so did I. I saw Davie's reunion with some of his family. His mother was there to greet him, and one or two children, indistinguishable as to sex because of the way they were draped up against the cold.

"Davie," the mother said with relief, at seeing him.

"PART OF THE PUNISHMENT"

HE had developed a swag, all of a sudden. "Lo," he said, "Have one of these," his mother said, offering a cigarette. Davie took the cigarette, puffed gratefully for a moment, then said: "Couldn't get these 'inside,' unless one of the 'retards' dropped one for you when you was supposed to be exercising."

"That'd be part of the punishment, Davie," his mother said. "What was it like?"

"The cell walls was as high as that," Davie answered, pointing to the sky, and addressing himself to a child who was all ear-shields and winter-fortified romper-suit.

#### HALF A LOAF

"RECKON I peaced up and 'R down the cell six or seven hours at a time," Davie said. "Sometimes, anyway."

"Coo," said the little boy, "didn't you eat?"

"They threw half a loaf in," Davie said, "and you had to keep some till breakfast. And they gave you a mug of tea—no sugar."

"That'd be the punishment," said the mother, philosophically. "Coo," said the child again and clicked a plastic toy pistol's trigger at all and sundry.

"They give you clean things, shirt and all that," Davie said. "Coo," said the infant, and shot some more people.

"Part of the punishment," the mother said absent-mindedly. She was too pleased to see Davie back to pay much attention to what he said.

## OUR AUSTRALIAN NEWSLETTER

### History Will Be Made In A Few Days' Time

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Jan. 29.

A few days more and history will be made. The Queen of Australia, for the first time, will be on Australian soil.

And leaving aside all the little pinpricks raised by politicians and a small army of officials with brief glory, it looks like the town is in for a gay old time.

Lord Mayor Pat Hills sometime ago promised us a "city of which we could be proud" and it seems that he might have something there. By now most of the flags and the banners are out; the last of the arches and the finishing touches will go on over the week-end, and it must be confessed that some of the displays are lavish.

Big departmental stores, with a nameless uphold, have let themselves go; some Government buildings are indeed a credit; even the little one-man businesses have played their part.

Outstanding: The GPO. Exception: A Cake shop proprietor who isn't flying a flag; said the whole thing should have been done by the Chamber of Commerce.

To give some idea of what it is going to be like, close on 100,000 people watched a full dress rehearsal of the landing last Sunday. They were in a hippy holiday mood, and gave the city its greatest traffic tie-up in history.

Here's That Man Again Department: The Premier, Mr. Chubb, will welcome the Queen 11 times. Three times he will welcome her twice on the same day. As well as doing the honours six times in Sydney, he will dash ahead to welcome her in five country towns.

COLOUR CONSCIOUSNESS

A spokesman for Sydney University said this week that some Asian students found difficulty in obtaining accommodation in Sydney because some landlords "apparently had a private objection to them."

He was commenting on a report by a Malayan student that some Asian students had to live in slums because they had been refused rooms by colour-conscious landlords.

President of the Sydney University Students' Representative Council, Mr. P. Jones, said: "There is definitely a great deal of colour consciousness in the part of landlords."

"Asian students in the various colleges are treated as absolute equals."

He added that 240 Asian students were attending Sydney University. Quite a large amount of money had been raised for a hostel for them in Melbourne, and this had already been started, but attempts to build a hostel in Sydney had failed through lack of finance.

#### ALL FOR A PUPPY

Civilisation Department: Hundreds of screaming women and children rushed the entrance to Sydney Town Hall this week in an attempt to obtain a free puppy.

Organisers of an exhibition had promised a free puppy to the first 50 children, accompanied by a parent, to go through the doors.

About 1,000 men, women and children, some of whom had been waiting more than five hours, stormed the doors when they opened.

Officials, police and children were knocked aside and ticket boxes built on rollers, were knocked back 20 ft. A light developed among some women.

"Because everyone was so naughty, police would not allow any pups to be given away."

One onlooker remarked that it would be far wiser to give one parent away to each pup.

#### SEEK EXPANSION

Representatives of the only two Japanese shipping companies operating between Australia and Japan said this week that they wanted to double their services as soon as possible.

The representatives have arrived in Sydney by air from Tokyo to have talks with other companies operating on the route.

The two companies at present operate a two-monthly service and the representatives say this is not economical. They say they could build up trade if the service was doubled.

Chairman of the Australian Eastern Shipping Conference,

'What's Her Line?' Solution  
MAKE-UP ARTIST  
London Express Bureau

### Wounded Soldier Carries On



A Vietnam soldier, who was wounded in the head whilst using a 60 mm mortar is seen with his comrades in their trench, as they carry out an action against the Vietminh rebels, in the Hine Su area, during the war in Indo-China. —London Express.

### Jagan Back In London

London, Jan. 31.  
The former Premier of British Guiana, Dr Cheddi Jagan, arrived in London from Paris tonight.

Dr Jagan has been visiting India and other areas. He stated that he had been sympathetically received by Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru and Egyptian President-General Mohammed Naguib.

He expected to spend some two weeks in England before returning to British Guiana.—France-Press.

### Religious Leader's Son Arrested

Teheran, Jan. 31.  
The military police arrested the son of Iran's aged religious leader, Mullah Ayatollah Khashani, today on charges of anti-government activity on the eve of new Parliamentary elections here.

The Mullah's son, Abolmali Khashani, was seized while printing anti-government pamphlets. It was announced.

It was the Mullah who, a month ago, ordered his followers to wear mourning because of Iran's resumption of diplomatic relations with Britain.

The Mullah, who took part in the Iraqi rebellion against Britain in 1920, was one of ousted Premier Mohammed Mossadegh's strongest backers when he seized British oil properties two years ago. But later they split.

Followers of the aged religious leader rioted in mid-December, protesting against the resumption of relations with Britain. The Mullah exhorted the faithful to wear black armbands—an order which the authorities said would be met with by severe action if carried out.

At that time, the government said 12 Communist leaders disguised as members of the Talmaj Party planned to start demonstrations at the Mullah's home.

His son was arrested on the eve of elections in Teheran for the new Senate. Voting has been under way, nearly a month in the provinces but was not scheduled to begin in the capital until tomorrow.

Already 68 Deputies have been elected to the Majlis (Parliament) which the Shah dissolved last year. —United Press.

### 2 MORE CHILDREN DROWNED

London, Jan. 31.  
Two more Lancashire children have been drowned, falling through ice today, bringing the total since yesterday to 28. Of these only one was an adult and he was going to the rescue of his son.—France-Press.

### Political Crisis In Italy, Latest

Rome, Feb. 1.

A week of political crisis facing Italy appears likely to end in the abandonment of her succession of "centre" Governments in favour of a swing to the right or the left.

President Einaudi will today start talks with political leaders in an attempt to find a successor for Professor Amintore Fanfani, who resigned with his 12-day-old Christian Democrat Government on Saturday night after losing a vote of confidence in the Chamber of Deputies.

The Christian Democrats are the biggest single party in Parliament. They have supplied the last two Governments and there seems to be no doubt that the new Premier-designate will be drawn from their ranks.

But it appears equally clear that he will have to lead a coalition Cabinet because the Christian Democrats no longer control an absolute majority in Parliament.

The big question to be settled in the coming week is whether the party will turn for support to the Monarchists, on the right wing, or to the Social Democrats, on the left. Both have offered to join such a coalition.

The Christian Democrats' leaders began discussions last night on which way to turn. Their party newspaper, Il Messaggero, yesterday urged them to revive the old alliance with the Social Democrats, Liberals and Republicans.

Such a left of centre grouping would have a majority of six in the 500-seat Chamber of Deputies.

A majority of 22 could be obtained by a Government of Christian Democrats, Monarchists and Liberals. Commentators think such a Cabinet might be led by Professor Fanfani's predecessor, Signor Giuseppe Fella, or by the Professor's Foreign Minister, Signor Attilio Piccioni.

Whatever the final decision, it was thought certain to strain the unity of the Christian Democrats, divided as they are into right, centre and left wing currents, and to demand all the diplomacy of Signor Alcide De Gasperi, the Party's 72-year-old leader.—Reuter.

### Showdown This Week

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East Germany's participation in the talks.

But the big questions still remain. Will he pull any rabbits out of his hat on which the West can really bargain? Will he sign an Austrian peace treaty? Will he drop his conditions for a unified Germany which could easily be dominated by the Communist Eastern half and which would be barred from joining itself to the West?

"The debris has been cleared away," a Western diplomat said. "Now we shall get down to business tomorrow." —United Press.

### Radio Hongkong

11.00 Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.00 Children's Hour presented by Sally Ann (Studio); 7.00 White Flag by A. A. Milne; 7.10 Pilot and Boy (BBC); 7.20 Cantata by Radio Lesson 1. Presented by E. K. Lee. Assisted by Dennis Bray and Lee Wei Lun (Recorded); 7.30 Weather Report; 7.35 Time Signal and World News (London Relay); 7.40 News Talk (London Relay) or special announcements; 7.45 Box 200; 7.50 Bert Gillett at the Organ (OD); 7.55 "Viewpoint" A Weekly Magazine Programme devoted to Literature, Drama, and the Cinema. Edited and introduced by Donald Brooks; 8.00 Book Review by Janet Tomblin. "The Other Place" by J. B. Priestley. Man and Beast by Sylvia Holman; 8.05 Complete Angler; 8.10 Talk by Arthur Ransome, Film Talk by Sylvia Holman; 8.15 The Great Train Robbery; 8.20 Landmarks of London; 8.25 Guildhall; 8.30 Storyteller (BBC); 8.35 Time Signal; 8.40 Popular Parade; 8.45 Record Review presented by Gerald Hinden (Studio); 8.50 Educating Archie with Peter Brough and John Anderson broadcast (BBC); 9.00 International Chart; 9.05 Radio News (BBC); 9.10 Time Signal; 9.15 Goodnight Music; 9.20 Song and Dance; 9.25 Save the Queen; 11.30 Close Down.

### Judgment For Money Lender

Judgment in the sum of \$514 with costs was awarded to Pala Singh, money lender, of 8 Island Road, West Point, by Judge James Wicks at the Victoria District Court yesterday, in respect of money loaned to K. D. Khan, motor car driver, of 30 Shelley Street.

The sum was claimed by the plaintiff as money owing by the defendant under two borrowing notes, dated June 9, 1953, together with two per cent interest per month thereon.

Khan, who consented to judgment, was ordered to pay the money in instalments of \$25 on or before the 16th of every month.

Mr G. Hampton appeared on behalf of the plaintiff.

### Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office.

The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mails can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

ARRANGEMENTS

Wednesday, February 3 all offices will be closed for public business. There will be delivery and no collection from posting boxes. The private lobby will be kept open from 8 a.m. to noon.

Thursday, February 4 the public offices of G.P.O. and Kowloon C.P.O. will be open for business from 9 a.m. to noon; all other branch offices will be closed. There will be no collection from posting boxes. The general delivery commencing from 10 a.m. The Post Office private box lobby will be open from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1

By Air

Philippines, 6 p.m.; N. Borneo, 6 p.m.; Formosa, Okinawa, 6 p.m.; Japan, 6 p.m.; Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.; India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 9 p.m.

By Surface

Malaya, Indonesia, 5 p.m.; Macao, 6 p.m.

### Illegal Radio Equipment

A 30-year-old accountant, Chu Chiu-yin, alias Chan Chun-nam, of 31 Bulky Street, third floor, was fined \$500 by Mr T. Creedon at Kowloon this morning for possession of radio equipment without a licence.

Mr D. E. Grew of the General Post Office said that at 11.30 last night, defendant's premises were raided by a Police party, and defendant was found repairing a radio set. Also found in his room were 14 boxes of radio equipment. Mr Grew said that it appeared defendant was operating an unlicensed repair shop.

### SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"My husband is always wearing pocky old conservative clothes—this one will perk him up and make him less self-conscious about the multitude he's trying to rule."

### 100 Years Ago

We are favoured with the subjoined extract of a letter from Captain G. A. Potter to a friend in China, dated London, November 20, 1853. His evidence was deemed essential for the defence in the Lariston case, and accordingly a commission to examine him was applied for, which the other side alleged would be a bootless waste of time; and it was during the discussion on that point that the converse was effected. The following note was appended to our account of the matter, (China Mail, August 25).—

"Captain G. A. Potter, whose opinion on any question connected with the navigation of the coast of China is entitled to great weight, was a passenger on board the Lariston when she was wrecked. He is now on his way to England in command of the Architect, and an application for a commission to examine him was energetically resisted by the Plaintiff's counsel and attorney who alleged that his evidence must be unimportant."

#### THE LETTER

Captain Potter's letter, it will be seen, shows that there was good reason for resisting the application, but not for alleging that his evidence must be unimportant. The reader will judge, and we hope the Judge will read—

"I wrote in reply that I was not aware that he ever asked my opinion at the time, and that I disagree with him, but did not express my opinion to that effect. I also wrote him that I did not hesitate to express my opinion that the loss of the Lariston was immediately owing to a lack of vigilance, and that I doubted the propriety of keeping his case so close with a fair wind and current. It is rather cool of him thus trying to elicit a letter from me which would saddle me with a part of the blame. I think had I had the command of the vessel, she would have reached Hongkong safely and in due time; and I think he is making an ass of himself in trying to accuse me of the 1st and 2nd mate; when it is perfectly evident that there is a screw loose somewhere. It might have been the act of God, but I am inclined to think that it was lubberly."

#### RUSSIAN NAVY

It would appear the Czar does not anticipate a very pressing occasion for his ships of war in Europe; while in these seas, where before they were unknown, the Russian squadron promises soon to come little short of the American or the English.

At Japan, or somewhere not very far from it, are the ship-gun Ship Palms and the Steamship Vorstok, besides perhaps a Corvetta, some time ago reported at the Cape for Sydney, thence to Japan. The Frigate Aurora, and the Ship Navarin, according to the Danish papers, destined for the North Pacific, were undergoing repairs at Portsmouth in October, and the Java Bode of the 12th December, among its October English new arrivals, that the Frigate Diana, and Brig Nieman, formerly reported for China, were daily expected to follow.

The Portsmouth correspondent of the Times says, November 13, about the Aurora—

"The St Jean d'Arc, 101, Captain the Hon. H. Keppel, is compelled to go hence to Plymouth, owing to the fact that the room at this port being all occupied, and the artisans having more work than they can do. The Russian frigate Aurora occupies the principal refitting dock, and has a large number of hands employed upon her to turn her out."

### MOTOR BOAT MASTER FINED

For being underway without other a certificated coxswain or engineer, Kwok Kam-woon, 22, master in charge of the motorboat Henry, was fined \$125 or 30 days' hard labour by Mr A. G. Parker at the Marine Court this morning.

Sub-Inspector T. Wong, prosecuting, said that defendant was intercepted near Buoy A9 on Saturday evening. Investigations showed that defendant had no qualified coxswain or engineer on board.

The master said, in mitigation, that his wife, who is both coxswain and engineer, fell ill, and had gone ashore at Yau-mai, and that he was unable to find a replacement.

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